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Reporting Office HOUSTON	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 9/2/59	Investigative Period 8/20 - 25/59
TITLE OF CASE GERALD COVELLI;		Report made by SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR	Typed By: yk b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Houston letter to Director, dated 7/23/59;
report of SA [redacted] dated 8/5/59
at Chicago;
Houston airtel to Director, dated 8/22/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

As set forth in referenced airtel, [redacted] but has requested that the following considerations be given in the investigative and prosecutive action of the case:

1. [redacted] desires sufficient time elapse before the facts in this case would be represented to a Chicago grand jury [redacted]

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TO : SAC, HOUSTON (15-1492)

DATE: 8/27/59
Dictated: 8/26/59

FROM : SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELL; [REDACTED]

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TFIS; OOJ; BRIBERY

[REDACTED] was interviewed in [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and this interview was continued on [REDACTED] on which latter date [REDACTED] signed the following statement prepared and written during the periods of interview.

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"I, [REDACTED] make the following voluntary statement to Assistant U. S. Attorney [REDACTED] and to Special Agent James J. O'Connor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I do make can be used against me in court of law. I also know that I may obtain the service of an attorney before or at the time of making any statement but I do not want an attorney. No threats or promises or inducements of any kind have been made to me to give a statement.

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"I am [REDACTED] years old, having been born on [REDACTED] I have gone as far as the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but assume this was done by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] later postponed

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"until [redacted] and again postponed until [redacted]

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"On [redacted] the [redacted] court

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The first day [redacted]

The next day [redacted]

"Prior to [redacted] I had learned [redacted]

[redacted] the Silver Dome Lounge, 1100 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, where some of the whisky in this case had been found. These [redacted]

[redacted] the Silver Dome Lounge. Actually [redacted] the Silver Dome although [redacted]

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It was from [redacted] that I learned what kind of [redacted]

[redacted] Frank 'Hot Dog' Lisciaandrello, [redacted] the Lincoln Hotel. Frank Lisciaandrello actually [redacted] Frank and therefore named [redacted]

in [redacted] that [redacted]

[redacted] Frank Lisciaandrello, [redacted] office and she [redacted]

Silver Dome. I found out from [redacted] that [redacted] was [redacted]

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[redacted] which was located. I think, about [redacted]

[redacted] in order to [redacted] so that I could also [redacted] to [redacted] and [redacted]

I don't recall the name of the fellow [redacted] but he told me he would have [redacted]

"in downtown Chicago so that he could then go to [redacted] I told him I only wanted [redacted] The next day neither [redacted] or this fellow from the [redacted] and when I contacted the fellow he told me that [redacted]

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"It was just after the [redacted] that [redacted] I recall [redacted] in color, to go out to the [redacted] this was a Hertz Corp. rented car that was [redacted] Frank Liscindrello. When I went to the [redacted] I brought [redacted] with whom I used to associate. [redacted] that this fellow at the [redacted] would not be able to say I threatened him. [redacted] was in the [redacted] when I talked to the [redacted]

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"Also during the period of about two weeks before [redacted] In that connection I had [redacted] the Silver Dome, [redacted] the Cafe Continental in Chicago. [redacted] office and explain [redacted] the Silver Dome and Cafe Continental where the whisky had been found by the Government Agents. [redacted] that [redacted] the Silver Dome, a [redacted] in Chicago, and Frank Liscindrello. [redacted] the Silver Dome could state that [redacted] Silver Dome [redacted] The [redacted] the Cafe Continental because of [redacted] Frank Liscindrello [redacted] the Silver Dome.

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"About two days before [redacted] because the Government [redacted]

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"Also prior to the [redacted]
[redacted] Jimmy Allegretti, 'Caesar' DiVarco,
and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello, all of whom [redacted]
[redacted]
However, at this time, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] 'Caesar'
'DiVarco [redacted]
that in [redacted]
[redacted] with DiVarco,
Allegretti, and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello. The reason
these people, that is, DiVarco, Allegretti, and Liscian-
drello, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] Furthermore 'Ruffy' Liscian-
drello had financial interest in the Silver Dome, The
Flame, and the Cafe Continental where the whisky was
found; also some of the whisky had been used in clubs
owned by Jimmy Allegretti and 'Caesar' DiVarco, including
the Front Page, Ciro's, and the Walton Club and these
places could have been involved [redacted] also,
another reason why these people were interested in
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] had supper at the
Cafe Continental; Allegretti and DiVarco could always
be found in the evening at the Cafe Continental. [redacted]
[redacted] the Cafe Continental [redacted]
[redacted] had never come to the Cafe; in fact, I had
never met [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] On this second
[redacted] a man about [redacted] years of age, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] that he knew what
he was doing, and that [redacted] was a 'good man'.
[redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted] it wasn't a good idea to [redacted]
[redacted] and the
group including Jimmy Allegretti, 'Ceasar' DiVarco,
and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello had something in mind with
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[redacted] fellow about [redacted] years of age. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] and when [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] he was sure he knew what he was doing.
[redacted] he knew what
he was doing. When [redacted]
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[redacted] or
the [redacted] both of whom [redacted]
[redacted] were the prospects. However, I
didn't say anything [redacted] or ask him
what he had in mind because [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] such as he used to [redacted]
[redacted]
Sterile Glass Company, which is located on State near
Kinzie St., Chicago. [redacted] 'Ceasar': he didn't
knew what [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] Attorney
[redacted]
[redacted] and the
[redacted]

[redacted] Sterile Glass Company:
'Caesar' was on the phone [redacted]
[redacted] or Caesar [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] and he
[redacted]
[redacted] and then [redacted]
[redacted] window
washing company office [redacted]
[redacted] Sterile Glass Company. It was apparent
[redacted]
[redacted] had told Caesar he was going next door and about
two minutes later, [redacted]
Caesar came in and [redacted] there
were [redacted]
[redacted] Caesar told
[redacted] was sitting there, that [redacted]

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"Caesar then told [redacted] to get hold of
[redacted] and when he did Caesar took the phone.
[redacted] Caesar actually talked to [redacted] then
or to someone in [redacted] office or what he said in
the phone call because [redacted]

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[redacted] and which
[redacted] by Caesar [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] when Caesar was on the phone at the time
[redacted] Sterile Glass Company, he was talking
to [redacted] Caesar seemed to know what the
[redacted]
[redacted] such information as the fact that the
[redacted] although
[redacted] Caesar at the time he started
to make the phone calls in this matter, when he said
that what was taking place [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] that Caesar
must have learned that the [redacted]
[redacted] because Caesar

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"had not been in the [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
affair was probably discussed by Caesar, [redacted]
Jimmy Allegretti and [redacted]

[redacted] Cafe Continental about [redacted]
[redacted]

"After Caesar phoned [redacted] who, I believe,
is a [redacted]

[redacted] Caesar told [redacted] the office of
the [redacted] to find out in what [redacted]

[redacted] and then Caesar [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] had ascertained. Then Caesar [redacted]
[redacted] Jimmy Allegretti but before he talked to
Allegretti, [redacted] walked back into the
office of the Sterile Glass Company. [redacted]
with Frank Lisciandrello and [redacted] -
but not about what was going on in the office. About
twenty minutes passed between the time Caesar started

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[redacted] Jimmy Allegretti and
the time [redacted]
Just before [redacted] me he had gone into the
back room of the Sterile Glass Company and talked with
Caesar. [redacted] Caesar [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
obtained a 1958 pink Oldsmobile, 4 door hardtop, Super
88, [redacted]
driving [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] that he had to see someone. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] the only reference
made to it was [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] walked
north to the corner of the street which is the next
street north of Chicago Avenue. He turned the corner,

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago
1 - USA, Houston

Report of: SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR
Date: 9/2/59

Office: Houston

Field Office File # Houston (15-1492) Bureau File # (15-38700)

Title: GERALD COVELLI: [REDACTED]

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Character: THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
BRIBERY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] furnished
signed statement setting forth [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] furnished *ILL.*
[REDACTED] one of
[REDACTED] who had
[REDACTED] instructed
[REDACTED] JOE "CAESAR" DiVARCO
[REDACTED] DiVARCO and DiVARCO and [REDACTED]
at Sterile Glass Company, Chicago, made phone calls to
[REDACTED] JIMMY
ALLEGRETTI and JACK CERONE, all Chicago, before [REDACTED]
ILL. [REDACTED] Ridgeway and
Chicago Avenues where [REDACTED] visited some person, not
[REDACTED] Chicago suburb of
[REDACTED] where [REDACTED]
JACK CERONE. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] phoned [REDACTED] on night of
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished
[REDACTED]
Chicago, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stolen whisky in this case and that JOE
"RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO and [REDACTED] Chicago, were
also receivers of the whisky, part of which was used in
Chicago night clubs controlled by JIMMY ALLEGRETTI.

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2. [] would prefer that any representation of the facts in this case to a grand jury [] the grand jury. In this regard, he []

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3. [] stated that he is concerned with [] and, therefore, feels that []

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[] added that []

It is to be noted that [] JIMMY ALLEGRETTI, Chicago top hoodlum, has in the past shown ability to obtain confidential information concerning investigations through some contact unknown to [] but believed by him to possibly be in the office of the U. S. Attorney at Chicago. Accordingly, it is requested that the copy of this report designated for the U. S. Attorney's Office, Chicago, be hand delivered to the attorney handling this case and the desirability and necessity with respect to future investigation []

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As reported in referenced Houston letter to the Director dated July 23, 1959, [] furnished information relating to an alleged pay-off of \$5,000.00 by JIMMY ALLEGRETTI to an inknow individual []

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[] in approximately []

[] on interviews during the period of this report again related this chain of events. He stated that while he never believed it was actually an FBI Agent who took the alleged pay-off he nevertheless felt that the []

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involved in the pay-off, principally JIMMY ALLEGRETTI, have ample money and in his opinion would not resort to such a method [redacted] He further stated that he was convinced [redacted]

[redacted] and the three locations where the stolen whisky was found, namely the Cafe Continental, the Silver Dome, and the Flame Bar, are continuing to operate. He stated the charges against [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that although [redacted] was that the Cafe Continental had [redacted]

JOE "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, the cafe [redacted] He stated that it was [redacted] of the cafe or in the location of the stolen whisky there, [redacted]

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[redacted] related that on the day the authorities located the stolen whisky in the Cafe Continental, and [redacted] to the [redacted]

[redacted] Silver Dome and ascertained that the authorities were apparently there. He stated that he [redacted] Devonshire Hotel, Chicago, [redacted] JIMMY ALLEGRETTI or "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO. He stated ALLEGRETTI arrived at the restaurant about 45 minutes later at which time [redacted] ALLEGRETTI [redacted] at the Cafe Continental and Silver Dome.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] "outfit" in the Devonshire Hotel [redacted] ALLEGRETTI would determine details of the raids. [redacted]

ALLEGRETTI, "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, JOE "CAESAR" DIVARCO, and ROSS PRIO, all top echelon members of the "outfit", [redacted] ALLEGRETTI said he could [redacted] He said that he could "reach" an agent. [redacted]

[redacted] ALLEGRETTI stated Bureau Agent or possibly agent of Alcohol Tax Unit. [redacted] stated [redacted]

"RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO [redacted] because the possession of the whisky was an "action" by which he primarily profited and [redacted]

[redacted] phoned LEO RUGENDORF [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] he said
[redacted] which he possessed to [redacted]
[redacted] he said that [redacted]
[redacted] was [redacted]
[redacted] Bureau Office in Chicago and [redacted]
[redacted] he said that [redacted]
[redacted] at the Fidelity Loan Company at
Washington and Clark Streets, Chicago, [redacted]

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[redacted]
of [redacted] at the Maryland Hotel, Rush Street, Chicago.
He stated that [redacted] had been arrested [redacted]
at the Cafe Continental but was released on bond as was [redacted]
[redacted] the Silver Dome. [redacted]
[redacted] because
the latter [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental; also, [redacted]
owned a financial interest in the Cafe Continental and it was
to his benefit that the case be quashed.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]
[redacted] and "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO
was there and [redacted]
[redacted]
the previous evening by ALLEGRETTI [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] then drove around
Chicago that afternoon [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] said then [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] at which
[redacted] Valentino's Restaurant. He stated that
ALLEGRETTI, DIVARCO, and "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO were in the rear
section of the restaurant where they discussed this matter.
ALLEGRETTI [redacted]
ALLEGRETTI [redacted]

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[redacted]
PM when ALLEGRETTI walked through the kitchen of [redacted]
[redacted] and out the rear of the hotel into an alley which is

situated there. [] stated that []

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[] ALLEGRETTI going down the alley to Wabash Street where a car was parked and which ALLEGRETTI approached and presumably turned over the \$5,000.00 to the lone male individual who was seated in the car. [] stated that although the street lights were bright he could not distinguish the features of the individual in the car other than to say it was a man. He said he is quite certain the car was a 1957 Ford because he [] large round tail lights on the car. [] the car was black in color. He said that ALLEGRETTI leaned down in the door of the car and did not remain at the car for more than about 30 seconds at which time he returned through the rear of the hotel. [] said he did not actually see the motion of handing the money by ALLEGRETTI but this actually could easily have been obscured since ALLEGRETTI's back was toward [] stated that when ALLEGRETTI came back to [] re-entering by the kitchen, [] Devonshire and purchased some cigarettes before returning to the restaurant. He stated that ALLEGRETTI then told him that []

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[] stated it was then that he []
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[] when Bureau Agents began contacting []
[] "RUFFY"
LISCIANDRELLO to find out what had happened to the []
[] "RUFFY" told him he would inquire of JIMMY ALLEGRETTI but [] went to ALLEGRETTI himself and was told that the agent who had been "reached" had died of a heart attack but that []

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[] stated, however, that the Agents continued []
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Bureau Agents []

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[] stated that about []
[] by Bureau Agents after receiving a phone call from Agents that []

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[redacted] stated that he told the Agents [redacted]
them in the law office of [redacted]
He said that as he was taking a cab to the downtown section
[redacted] He stated

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[redacted] and that [redacted]
[redacted] and the next day
[redacted]
at which time [redacted]
[redacted]

Following his release on bond. "RUFFY" LTSCIANDELLO
[redacted]
Capital Leasing Company at Roscoe and Broadway in Chicago,
[redacted]
[redacted] stated he did not
recall the name of the individual at Capital Leasing, but
described him as being a person who wore eye glasses with
very thick lenses.

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[redacted] stated [redacted]
[redacted]
and this individual indicated to [redacted]
[redacted]
stated that apparently by way of impressing him this individual
remarked [redacted] that the man who had left the office of the
Capital Leasing as [redacted]
[redacted] said he did not pursue this infor-
mation but it occurred to him that [redacted]
[redacted] ALLEGRETTI although he did not understand how
[redacted] stated that
although he can give no specific reason for this presump-
tion, [redacted]
man at Capital Leasing [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the individual at Capital Leasing
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[redacted] stated that [redacted] JIMMY
ALLEGRETTI [redacted]
[redacted] ALLEGRETTI remarked in effect that it was
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[redacted] stated that about a week or ten days after [redacted] he went to the office of [redacted] to discuss [redacted] that [redacted] and [redacted] and that [redacted] mentioned [redacted] He said that [redacted] claimed to know nothing [redacted] stated that [redacted] generally was very uncommunicative with [redacted] at this time and in subsequent contacts relating [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that on [redacted] to reappear before the Commissioner and [redacted] in the B and G Restaurant on Clark Street, between Jackson and Monroe Streets, Chicago. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated [redacted] the stolen whisky was located by the authorities [redacted] JIMMY ALLEGRETTI in order to ascertain if ALLEGRETTI's [redacted] whom ALLEGRETTI had recently set up in [redacted]

[redacted] stated that these [redacted] and they [redacted] stated that he does not recall the name of this girl but she [redacted] He stated he was unable to contact ALLEGRETTI [redacted] broke and then he did not pursue it. He said that [redacted] ALLEGRETTI [redacted] the stolen whisky of this case at Ciro's and Front Page, clubs controlled by ALLEGRETTI in Chicago.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] the stolen whisky from the Cafe Continental to the various clubs in Chicago and had no trouble putting the whisky into the various clubs because the places were controlled by the "outfit", in particular JIMMY ALLEGRETTI and "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] Cafe Continental, and this action [redacted] particular "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO. He stated that prior to the time that the stolen whisky was found at the Cafe Continental [redacted]

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[redacted] Cafe Continental [redacted]
[redacted] stated that he believed this move
[redacted]
[redacted] stated that the cafe is now operating in the name of some
Jewish individual but that the [redacted]
[redacted] under the business name
[redacted]

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

By airtel to the Director dated August 24, 1959, Chicago Office advised that several of the additional, potential subjects of this case have been interviewed and all have denied participation in and knowledge of bribery.

Leads to Chicago not being suggested since that Office is in better position to evaluate the information in this report and pursue leads accordingly.

It is suggested that [redacted]
[redacted] "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, be interviewed and her cooperation possibly furthered with the information that she may have been guilty of violation of the ITSMV statute
[redacted]
[redacted] (car number 34), in the case entitled [redacted] aka., ET AL, ITSMV", Bureau file 26-250440, Chicago file 26-29843.

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Will advise the Dallas Office whether reinterview of [redacted] is desired in view of the substantial differences in the statements of [redacted] In particular,
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Silver Dome in Chicago.

Also, [redacted] had stated that [redacted] in the U. S. District Court during [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] stated he never made such an indication to anyone and that to his knowledge [redacted]
[redacted]

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AT TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS:

Copies of this report are furnished to Dallas since it is believed reinterview of [REDACTED] at the Federal Correctional Institution will be requested by the Chicago Office in view of obvious discrepancies between the statements of [REDACTED]

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This reinterview is not being requested by Houston since it is not known whether Dallas may already have furnished Chicago with detailed results of reinterview of [REDACTED]

"going west on that street. [redacted]
about ten or fifteen minutes [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] The streets had slushy snow on them. [redacted]
[redacted] he walked to the
house next to the one in front of which [redacted]
[redacted] He stayed in that house about fifteen or
twenty minutes [redacted] He did

[redacted] I was quite sure this
house was the residence of Jack Cerone because just
[redacted] the Sterile Glass Company that evening
[redacted] a phone call was made to Jack Cerone;
Caesar mentioned this to [redacted]

[redacted] Jack Cerone. [redacted] Jack Cerone
lived in Elmwood Park because several years previously
[redacted] I don't know
what position Jack Cerone holds although I knew he
had connections and thought he possibly had something

[redacted]
knew that Jack Cerone [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago.

"From this stop where I believe [redacted] saw Jack
Cerone, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago.

"The next day, Saturday, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
about [redacted]
[redacted] Caesar. I told him about [redacted]
[redacted] and how [redacted] contacted a couple
people the previous evening. [redacted]
[redacted] Caesar, Allegratti, and Joe 'Ruffy' Liscian-
drello, who is a partner and associate of Caesar and
Allegratti, [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
along with 'Ruffy' Liscian-drello, and Jimmy Allegratti,

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[redacted] the stolen whisky in
the case [redacted] and, therefore,
had a responsibility to [redacted]
in the whisky case. In fact [redacted] in
the whisky case [redacted] 'Ruffy' Liscandrello and Jimmy
Allegretti that [redacted]
the whisky case [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] finally
agreed that [redacted] Actually I

[redacted]

"On Monday morning [redacted]

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[redacted] and I said nothing to
him about the [redacted]

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[redacted]
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[redacted] in the Greek restuarant. [redacted]
had brought back about [redacted] and
[redacted] in the restaurant. Actually,

[redacted]

[redacted] part of which was in
Bank of America [redacted] I

[redacted] and, [redacted]
[redacted] Sterile Glass Company where [redacted]

[redacted]
to Caesar DiVarco [redacted]

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"from Caesar about a month earlier. Caesar asked

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"Earlier on that Monday [redacted] when [redacted]
[redacted] the Sterile Glass
Company and [redacted] was there. [redacted]

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[redacted] Sterile Glass Company to return to
[redacted] I told [redacted]

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and am quite certain [redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted]
because [redacted]
[redacted] and so [redacted]
[redacted] However, [redacted]
[redacted] and I felt he was just going through the
[redacted] Also on [redacted]

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[redacted]
its case I asked [redacted]
did not want [redacted] I told him [redacted]
could get [redacted]
save the [redacted]
told [redacted] When
the [redacted]
did not make [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Sts. He asked me [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] Sterile
Glass Company. [redacted]
[redacted] At Sterile Glass 'Caesar'
DiVarco [redacted]

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[redacted] at Sterile Glass, [redacted]
[redacted] Caesar. [redacted]
[redacted]
believe [redacted] Torch Club in
Chicago [redacted] Sterile Glass Co. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] DiVarco
and [redacted] however [redacted]
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[redacted] came into Sterile
Glass [redacted]
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"Actually, before arriving at the Sterile Glass
Company [redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental, Chicago.
[redacted] Joe 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello and [redacted]
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[redacted] and Caesar DiVarco, [redacted]
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[redacted] the
Cafe Continental; he [redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted] knew that [redacted]
[redacted] 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello,
Jimmy Allegretti, 'Caesar' DiVarco, and others of the
outfit. [redacted] Jimmy Allegretti might have
[redacted]
[redacted] Allegretti on Sunday and came to the Cafe
Continental [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] namely, that
Allegretti [redacted]

"On Tuesday [redacted]

[redacted]

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"As best I can remember none of my acquaintances
[redacted]
there the [redacted] I believe, and Judge
[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] Cart Restaurant. [redacted]
over to the [redacted]
[redacted]

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[REDACTED] Sterile Glass
Company. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
believe [REDACTED] made the remark [REDACTED]

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Sterile Glass Co. [REDACTED]
Sterile Glass [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
recall just when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Sterile Glass that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"That night [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cafe Continental.
After leaving the taxi near the Cafe, 'Ruffy'
Lisciandrello [REDACTED]
Walton Club [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 'Ruffy' [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Cafe
Continental [REDACTED]

"In the Cafe [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Cafe Continental to
the Cart Restaurant [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Cafe [redacted]
[redacted] stayed around Rush Street. [redacted]
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[redacted] the Cart Restaurant. [redacted]
[redacted]

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"The next morning [redacted]
Frank 'Hot Dog' Lisciaandrello's [redacted]
[redacted] Walton Club because Frank
had been drinking heavily. I ran into heavy traffic on
the Outer Drive; there had been an accident. So I arrived

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[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] at noon to set up an appointment
for later that day [redacted]

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[redacted] Sterile
Glass Company. [redacted] Caesar DiVarco and
[redacted] Caesar in particular for

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[redacted]

Frank 'Hot Dog' Lisciaandrello [redacted]
were in the Sterile Glass Co. [redacted]

[redacted] Sterile Glass Co. after telling Caesar

[redacted]

that he and Jimmy Allegretti would get hold of [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] Walton Club where
I saw 'Ruffy' Lisciaandrello [redacted]

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[redacted] Jimmy Allegretti to
[redacted]
[redacted] Maryland Hotel and [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] I told them both that my

[redacted]

[redacted] Sterile Glass Co.,
meaning 'Caesar' DiVarco and his associates.

[redacted]
to tell him I couldn't keep an appointment that day,

[redacted]

[redacted]

"I have read this statement consisting of this
and 36 other hand written page and is true and
correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection
and have also initial_ each page and correction.

"Signed by me [redacted]"/S/[redacted]

"Witness:

"/S/[redacted] Asst. U. S. Attorney,
Houston, Texas.

"/S/ James J. O'Connor, Special Agent, FBI, Houston,
Texas."

[redacted] stated that [redacted]
of age and lives on [redacted]
[redacted] He believed the house
number might be [redacted] and stated that [redacted]
of the [redacted] He stated the [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] was probably withdrawn from the savings and loan association which is located on California Street near 55th Street in Chicago, and this savings account is also [redacted] He stated it was this savings and loan association [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the individual employed as [redacted] is described as follows:

Age	About 60
Height	5'10"
Weight	200 pounds
Characteristics	Believed baldheaded; walks slowly.

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TO : SAC, HOUSTON (15-1492)

DATE: 8/27/59
Dictated: 8/26/59FROM : * SAs JAMES R. POWERS
and JAMES J. O'CONNORSUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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b7COn [REDACTED] was inter-
viewed at [REDACTED] and he furnished the following signed
statement. [REDACTED]b6
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"I, [REDACTED] make the following voluntary statement to James R. Powers and James J. O'Connor, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know that I do not have to make a statement and that any statement I make can be used against me in court of law. I know I have the right to the services of an attorney but do not want an attorney. No threats or promises of any kind have been made to me to give this statement.

"I am [REDACTED] years of age, having been born on [REDACTED] I have had [REDACTED]

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"About the first part of [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whisky [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] That same day [REDACTED] to the Note Lounge at 4100 Broadway, Chicago, [REDACTED] Joe 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello. Ruffy told [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] hundred cases.

"At this time 'Ruffy' [redacted] Silver Dome Lounge at 1100 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, was

[redacted] Silver Dome in partnership.

'Ruffy' [redacted]
Silver Dome [redacted]
Chicago and [redacted]

At this same time 'Ruffy' [redacted]

[redacted] asked 'Ruffy' if he
[redacted] and 'Ruffy' told him
[redacted] 'Ruffy's' brother
on Chicago Avenue in Chicago. This store is located on
the north side of Chicago Avenue two blocks east of
the Montgomery Ward store.

"On the next day Ruffy [redacted]
[redacted] at the Silver Dome and [redacted]
Silver Dome [redacted]

[redacted] Silver Dome. He didn't

'Ruffy'. [redacted]

[redacted] the Silver Dome that
[redacted] It was stocked with whisky
that Ruffy Lisciandrello had brought from a liquor
supply house. A fellow named [redacted]
[redacted] Silver Dome; Frank 'Hot Dog' Lisciandrello,
brother of Ruffy was also employed at the Silver Dome.

[redacted] Silver Dome on [redacted] there
[redacted] had
available in the Silver Dome at that time. [redacted]
[redacted] Silver Dome and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello,
who was there. [redacted] how full the bottles were!.

[redacted] Silver Dome. [redacted]
[redacted] at the Silver Dome; [redacted]
for them although [redacted]
[redacted] at the Silver Dome.

"It was about 4 or 5 days before the Silver Dome
was opened under the new management that [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental on Walton St.,

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"Chicago. [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental, [redacted]
to the Cafe [redacted] 'Ruffy' Lisciaandrello,
[redacted] were there: [redacted]
[redacted] which
[redacted] Cafe
Continental premises. [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe and [redacted]
[redacted] 'Ruffy's' brother because
[redacted]
Ruffy and [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe because [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental [redacted]
[redacted] Furthermore, [redacted]
[redacted]
the whisky. [redacted] and 'Ruffy' [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
to the Cafe Continental that morning about 8:00 AM
[redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental,
[redacted]
[redacted] Cafe [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] where he
brought the whisky from [redacted]
[redacted] Ruffy [redacted]
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I believe a case was worth \$54 to \$56; [redacted]
the cases were made up of half-pint bottles, forty-
eight to a case, or twelve quarts per case. [redacted]
Ruffy [redacted]

"When Ruffy and [redacted] had left the Cafe [redacted]
[redacted]
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[redacted] 400
cases of the [redacted] in the whisky room
[redacted]

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"There may have been more cases stored in the 'walk-in' cooler [redacted] Cafe [redacted]

[redacted] whisky in the Cafe Continental

[redacted] the Cafe approximately [redacted]

[redacted] Silver Dome [redacted]

[redacted] Cafe Continental [redacted]

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"The Silver Dome was in operation under the partnership of Ruffy, [redacted] about three days [redacted]

at the Cafe Continental. It was about 11:00 AM of a day in [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] FBI and police were at the Cafe [redacted]

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[redacted] Silver Dome on Lawrence Avenue. [redacted] there were men inside [redacted] the drug store on the corner of Wilson and Lawrence Avenues [redacted] Silver Dome. A man answered and [redacted]

[redacted] was the Cafe Continental [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago [redacted]

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"Before the stolen whisky was located in the Cafe Continental and in the Silver Dome [redacted] Jimmy Allegretti and in so doing [redacted]

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"the Ciro's restaurant on Wabash near Chicago Avenue and to the Front Page bar on Wabash and Grand, Chicago, both of which are partly owned by Jimmy Allegretti. On the second floor of Ciro's, [redacted]

[redacted] Also, in trying to locate Allegretti, [redacted]

[redacted] about the time [redacted] Silver Dome, that he had [redacted] Rush St., Chicago. He mentioned 50 cases going to the Chēz Paree. [redacted] had no trouble putting the whisky in the bars because it was being bought by Jimmy Allegretti and Ruffy Lisciandrello, who owned the clubs.

"Also, [redacted] Cafe Continental at that time, that is, about March, 1958. [redacted]

[redacted] Cafe Continental to the Flame Bar, located on Broadway near Clark St., Chicago, and to the Silver Dome. He probably made [redacted] Silver Dome [redacted]

[redacted] 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello. Ruffy's [redacted] Flame Bar at that time.

"It was several weeks [redacted]

[redacted] Cafe Continental and in the Silver Dome.

"I never learned where the whisky was stolen or by whom.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and eleven other handwritten pages and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollect_. I have initial_ each page and correction.

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"Signed by me on [redacted]

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:

"/s/ James R. Powers, Spl. Agt., F.B.I., Houston, Texas,
8/25/59.

"/s/ James J. O'Connor, Special Agent, Federal Bureau
of Investigation, Houston, Texas, 8/25/59."

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[redacted] said that JIMMY DUNN, who was a bartender
and manager of the Silver Dome during the three days it was
in operation [redacted]

[redacted] had previously worked
as a bartender in the Rush Street area of Chicago; he said
that he believed DUNN had worked at the Black Orchid in
Chicago. He stated that DUNN [redacted]
apartment hotel located at [redacted]
He described DUNN as follows:

Age	30
Height	5'11"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Remarks	Of Irish or Scotch descent; no criminal record.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had [redacted]
[redacted] at the Cafe Continental at a [redacted] a [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he could not recall the surname
[redacted] Cafe Continental and
[redacted] Flame Bar and Silver
Dome; he stated [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe. He described [redacted] as follows:

Age	[redacted]
Height	5'6"
Build	Medium
Nationality	Italian.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 9/8/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/30 - 8/31/59
TITLE OF CASE GERALD COVELLI; ET AL		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	TYPED BY gmf
		CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY	

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCES: Report of SA dated 8/5/59.
Chicago airtel to Salt Lake City, dated 8/12/59.
Chicago airtels to Bureau, dated 8/24 and 25/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A copy of this report is designated for the United States Attorney, Houston, inasmuch as GERALD COVELLI is awaiting sentencing in U.S. District Court, Houston, Texas, and Assistant United States Attorney Houston, as well as to the FBI.

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The Dallas Division on August 8, 1959, furnished the following information:

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MAX OLSHON, FCI, Texarkana, Texas, was interviewed on July 29, 1959, by SA [redacted] and shown photographs of the following which were furnished by the Chicago Office: [redacted] PATRICK PATRONE, JIMMY ALLEGRETTI and JOE DI VARCO.

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OLSHON stated he was reasonably sure that the photograph of [redacted] United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, by GERALD COVELLI as being the [redacted]

COVELLI or hang the jury. OLSHON stated he did not want to be positive in his identification from a photograph and would want to see [redacted] personally before making a positive identification. OLSHON also stated that [redacted] resembled the individual [redacted] COVELLI near a real estate office which money was to [redacted] OLSHON stated that of his own knowledge he did not know [redacted] but was told by COVELLI that the man was [redacted]

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OLSHON was unable to describe the route taken by COVELLI to reach the real estate office where the bribe money was delivered, and did not know whether or not they traveled by the Congress Expressway.

OLSHON stated the real estate office was located in a business with the building being of brick and solid masonry type. They were all connecting businesses, and the entrance to the real estate office was from the ground level, and there were no stairs to the place. OLSHON was then shown photography in which the [redacted] was prominently displayed. OLSHON ventured the opinion that this closely resembled the neighborhood where the office was located. He was of the opinion they were parked to the right of the real estate office in front of a restaurant or grill of some sort which was not identical with Willie's Grill. He recalled that COVELLI

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went into this place to purchase some cigarettes. OLSHON felt that he could be more sure if this were the correct location if he could see a picture of the section of buildings to the right of the [redacted] office for several doors beyond that of Willie's Bar.

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With regard to [redacted] OLSHON stated that he had only seen the man once and that at a distance of some 25 feet when COVELLI gave him the money. For this reason, he said that he could not positively identify [redacted] from a photograph. He was unable to identify any of the other photographs presented as men who were involved in the case. He stated he knew JOE DI VARCO and JIMMY ALLEGRETTI by sight, and stated that they were both racketeers and part of the Chicago syndicate of gambling and other activities. OLSHON had no information that they were connected either with the COVELLI case or the car theft ring, in which he was involved. OLSHON stated that BAULER and PATRONE were unknown to him.

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On July 29, 1959, OLSHON was again interviewed by the Dallas Division with the following results:

He was again asked to view the photographs on August 6, 1959, by SA [redacted] at which time he again selected the photograph of [redacted] as resembling [redacted]. At this time he noted, however, that [redacted] and selected a close-up photograph of [redacted] as more closely [redacted]. OLSHON commented that the two men [redacted]. He also said [redacted] he had observed [redacted] COVELLI [redacted] at a distance and could not be sure of his identification. Neither of the identifications were definite as OLSHON expressed a desire to see the men in person before making positive identification.

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Of the views in the vicinity of the [redacted]
[redacted] OLSHON selected the photograph of
the M and M Grill and Hanley's Bar where Budweiser and
Michelob are sold as closely resembling the place where
COVELLI parked his car when he made the payoff of the
bribe. Again OLSHON was almost positive that this was
the place but wanted to see it personally before identifying
it. It was his recollection that COVELLI went into
either the M and M Grill or Hanley's Bar to purchase
cigarettes.

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OLSHON stated after viewing photographs that
[redacted] were unknown to him and he had no
information that they were involved in the case.

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The Houston Division advised on August 4, 1959,
that on August 3, 1959, COVELLI [redacted]
names and stated that the [redacted]
[redacted] Attorney [redacted] in addition
[redacted] He stated he did not recall
who the relation of [redacted] was [redacted]
[redacted] but believed the
[redacted] as developed
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COVELLI viewed the photographs of [redacted]
He said he did not recognize the photograph of JACK CERONE.
He recognized the photograph, side view of [redacted]
as that of the same person to whom he had reference in
this case.

On viewing photographs of the location of the
[redacted] Realty Office and the neighboring buildings
in the 5100 block of Madison Avenue, Chicago, COVELLI
stated this is not the location of the realty office where
[redacted]

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COVELLI recognized the photographs of the Friendly Loan Company as being the [redacted] Silver Dome Bar in Chicago. He did not recognize the photographs of the apartment house where [redacted] resides. He said it was his recollection that [redacted] parked the 1958 pink Oldsmobile on Ridgeway or Lawndale, about two car lengths from Huron and then walked around the corner. It was at this time he thought [redacted] was going to see the [redacted]

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COVELLI stated he did not recognize the photographs of the residence of JACK CERONE [redacted] but stated that [redacted] Elmwood Park and stopped in a nice neighborhood which he believed would have been in the vicinity of CERONE's house (2000 block on 77th Street).

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[redacted] were not reinterviewed inasmuch as COVELLI identified [redacted]

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The Houston Division on August 22, 1959, advised [redacted] concerning [redacted] JOE "CAESAR" DI VARCO. [redacted] and others.

[redacted] delay in investigation at Chicago so that [redacted]

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THE DALLAS DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

A copy of this report is designated for the Dallas Division for their information inasmuch as anticipated additional investigation will later be requested of that division.

THE HOUSTON DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will, as requested in referenced Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated August 24, 1959, contact [redacted] and Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] for their consent to discuss with United States Attorney ROBERT TIEKEN. Chicago. admissions by [redacted] of TIEKEN may be obtained as well as his desires regarding possible presentation of the facts to a Federal Grand Jury.

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THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

1. Will, as requested in Chicago airtel dated August 12, 1959, if it is felt [redacted] would talk in the presence of an attorney, direct a letter to the Bureau for permission to interview him in the presence of an attorney.

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2. Will interview [redacted] concerning her knowledge of the bribery or of any information [redacted] possesses regarding the robbery.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will, upon receipt from Houston of consent of [redacted] and Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] to discuss [redacted] with the United States Attorney,

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Chicago, consult United States Attorney ROBERT TIEKEN regarding his prosecutive opinion and regarding the possibility of presentation of facts to a Federal Grand Jury and possibility of calling suspects before a Federal Grand Jury.

2. Will, at 3737 West Huron, interview [redacted] regarding her knowledge of [redacted] participation in the bribery and will encourage her to encourage [redacted] to discuss with Agents his participation in the bribery.

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3. Will, at 4100 West Lake, interview [redacted] for any information he has received regarding the bribery.

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4. Will, at neighborhood of 3800 West Chicago Avenue [redacted] contact realty agency to determine if bribery payoff could have occurred there.

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5. Will locate and interview the following individuals concerning the theft of whiskey for which COVELLI was tried:

[redacted] Cafe Continental

Brother of "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLLO who operates a grocery store.

[redacted] cafe
Continental [redacted]

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6. Will discuss with United States Attorney, feasibility of bringing [redacted] "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLLO "HOT DOG" LISCIANDRELLLO [redacted] before a Federal Grand Jury for questioning inasmuch as they have been uncooperative on prior interviews with Agents.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago 1 - USA, Houston

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: CHICAGO

Date: SEPT 8, 1959

Field Office File #: CG: 15-12848

Bureau File #: ~~15-1788~~ 15-38700Title: GERALD COVELLI;
ET ALCharacter: THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY

Synopsis: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, states GERALD COVELLI, accompanied by MAX OLSHON in January, 1959, came by the [REDACTED] to have [REDACTED] tell the truth at the trial. MAX OLSHON on viewing photograph of [REDACTED] states it was not the realty company where the bribery occurred. A review of Willett truck rental records failed to locate any record identifiable with truck rented to haul stolen whiskey. [REDACTED] declined interview in Las Vegas, Nevada, unless attorney present. [REDACTED] COVELLI, [REDACTED] all deny knowledge of bribery. JAMES ALLEN BRETT, [REDACTED] JACK CERONE, [REDACTED] JOSEPH DI VARCO, and [REDACTED] deny knowledge of, or participation in, bribery.

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DETAILS:

The Dallas Division on August 8, 1959, advised that MAX OLSHON did not want to be positive in his identification from photographs of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and would want to see them personally before making a positive identification. OLSHON declared on viewing a photograph of the [REDACTED] that it closely resembled the place where [REDACTED] but wanted to see it personally before identifying it. OLSHON stated after viewing photographs of [REDACTED] JACK CERONE that they were not known to him.

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[redacted]
[redacted] recalled that in mid-January, 1959, about a week before trial of GERALD COVELLI in United States District Court, Chicago, he received a phone call from COVELLI, who said he had a [redacted] COVELLI said he had a restaurant or tavern on the north side of Chicago. He asked how long [redacted] would be there and said he wanted to settle the matter that day.

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COVELLI then came right down to see [redacted] at [redacted] office. [redacted] believed this was about 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon.

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[redacted] declared he was going with a [redacted] at the time and COVELLI, at [redacted] office, said he was contacting [redacted]

[redacted] Silver Dome Tavern when stolen liquor was found there, [redacted] COVELLI's trial. COVELLI said he was a two-time loser, and [redacted]

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[redacted] COVELLI said he understood that COVELLI [redacted] He, COVELLI, said that [redacted]

LISCIANDRELLO [redacted]

COVELLI [redacted]

FRANK [redacted]

[redacted] Silver Dome [redacted] LISCIANDRELLO, [redacted]

[redacted] declared COVELLI contacted him at the [redacted]

[redacted] in which office, [redacted] COVELLI was accompanied by another man who was white, male, short, dark complected, square face, age 40 - 45, who had coal black hair and wore dark glasses. This individual was [redacted] COVELLI and was present during the entire conversation between COVELLI [redacted] but who did not participate in the conversation.

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Interview with [redacted]

File # 15-12848on 8/4-5/59

at [redacted]

Date dictated 8/10/59

by Special Agent [redacted]

and JOHN F. GLENNVILLE/jav

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[redacted] related he passed along COVELLI's message

[redacted]
Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chicago,
who was advised by her of COVELLI's message.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] and a [redacted]
[redacted] (phonetic spelling), employed by Lifschultz Trucking
Company, were in the [redacted] when COVELLI
came in to see [redacted] did not know
COVELLI and COVELLI and the man who accompanied him went with
[redacted] realty company
to talk.

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[redacted] declared this was the only instance he
ever saw COVELLI. He said he knows no one named [redacted]
and no one named [redacted] has been employed at [redacted]
office. Furthermore, [redacted] had never accepted any
money from COVELLI and knew nothing of a bribe or of anyone
receiving money from COVELLI

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[redacted] did not talk to COVELLI in front of the
real estate office and knew of no one who did.

On August 5, 1959, [redacted] recognized a photograph
of GERALD COVELLI, who was tried in United States District
Court, Chicago, in January, 1959, as the person who con-
tacted him, and recognized a photograph of MAX OLSHON as
the person who accompanied COVELLI.

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[redacted] advised [redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted] advised that in January, 1959,
[redacted] told
her that GERALD COVELLI had stopped by to see him. This
was about a week or two [redacted] United States
District Court, Chicago, [redacted] COVELLI.

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[redacted] that COVELLI had said he
wanted [redacted] Cafe Continental, Chicago.
and that COVELLI wanted [redacted]
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[redacted] declared that [redacted]
[redacted] FBI to the
effect that COVELLI [redacted] COVELLI
[redacted] COVELLI [redacted]
[redacted] Silver Dome, nightly. [redacted]
[redacted] FRANK LISCIANDRELLO
at the time the Silver Dome was raided by the FBI.

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[redacted] declared she never knew the results of
the COVELLI [redacted]
[redacted] She had heard nothing of any bribery
and did not know a juror had been bribed. She has not seen
COVELLI [redacted]

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on 8/4/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8/10/59
by Special Agent S [redacted] and JOHN F. GLENVILLE/jav

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On August 12, 1959, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He said that no one at the office, past or present, is named [REDACTED] Upon viewing photographs of GERALD COVELLI and MAX OLSHON he stated he could not recall ever having seen either of them. He further declared he had absolutely no information concerning the bribery and felt confident that no payoff had occurred in or near [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate August 12, 1959

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that as [redacted]
[redacted] 1100 Lounge Corporation, [redacted]
Silver Dome Cocktail Lounge since [redacted] On [redacted]
[redacted] one JERRY DALE. He
identified a photograph of GERALD COVELLI as being identi-
cal with JERRY DALE.

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[redacted] declared he know nothing directly or
indirectly of any juror having been bribed [redacted]
of GERALD COVELLI in U. S. District Court, Chicago.
January, 1959 [redacted]
[redacted] the Silver Dome.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 15-12848
on 8-5-59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8-11-59
by Special Agents [redacted] & JOHN F. GLENVILLE/meb

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The Dallas Division on August 12, 1959, furnished the following information:

MAX OLSHON, Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on August 10, 1959, concerning the [redacted] COVELLI regarding the [redacted] in the office of the [redacted]

[redacted] OLSHON stated that he was present during this conversation, and now realizes why the scene at the [redacted] Company looked familiar to him. OLSHON states definitely that the "payoff" to the [redacted] COVELLI was not at or near the office where the conversation was held with [redacted]. He also states that he has no recollection of ever stating that the [redacted] where the payoff took place had a porch to it. He says that it did have an awning such as that at the [redacted] Office, and that the parties involved came to the edge of this awning to talk.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

DATE: August 14, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Date Dictated: 8/7/59

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SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; LEROY SCHULTZ;
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY

On October 4, 1959, [REDACTED] residence
[REDACTED] was interviewed
at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by SAs JOHN J.
OITZINGER and [REDACTED] at this
time was advised of his rights to counsel and the fact
that he did not have to talk to Bureau agents if he so
desired. He stated that he had no information to give
to the FBI and, in fact, was not interested in talking
to Bureau agents. He declined an invitation to accom-
pany Agents OITZINGER and [REDACTED] to the Chicago
Office of the FBI. He stated that if a warrant was
outstanding for his arrest, it would be a "different
matter." At this time [REDACTED] further stated that he
had no objection to discussing any matter of having
agents interview him in the presence of his employees
because it would not be embarrassing to him as he had
nothing to hide. However, [REDACTED] did accompany
Bureau agents to a hallway removed from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] At this time he was questioned [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] with GERALD COVELLI. He remarked that he
has known COVELLI for a number of years and first met
him [REDACTED]
North Rush Street [REDACTED] remarked
"I've never had any business dealings with COVELLI,
and know nothing about his activities except what I
have read in the newspapers." He was questioned regarding
the use of his automobile by COVELLI in the past with

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particular reference to March 17, 1958. He stated that he did not recall a specific instance where COVELLI [redacted] however, it was entirely possible that COVELLI [redacted] on that occasion. He remarked "a lot of people [redacted] from time to time for varying periods."

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[redacted] reiterated that he had no information concerning COVELLI's activities. He did not comment on his "socializing" with COVELLI. He stated [redacted] LISCI ANDRELLOS; however, he had "absolutely no information concerning their activities" and if he did have, he would not furnish it to the FBI.

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On August 6, 1959, contact was made by SA [redacted] with [redacted] [redacted] Truck Rental Department, and [redacted] Willett Company, 630 West Harrison Street, Chicago. [redacted] constituted a check to be made of the Willett Trucking Company's daily logs from December 1957 through March 1958. However, no pertinent information was developed pertaining to the captioned matter.

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[redacted] in company with SA [redacted] [redacted] also checked the reference file which contains names of all individuals who leased or rented Willett trucks during the aforementioned period with unproductive results concerning the name [redacted] or other individuals possibly renting a Willett truck to haul Sunnybrook whiskey to the Cafe Continental, 44 East Walton Street, Chicago.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 8/13/59

[redacted]
[redacted] declared he does not know [redacted]
[redacted] and only knows [redacted]
[redacted] casually. He had heard nothing from [redacted]
[redacted] about the jury bribery and stated that [redacted]
[redacted] knows nothing of the bribery.

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[redacted] advised that on the night of the
arrest of [redacted] by the FBI [redacted] he sug-
gested that [redacted] call
[redacted] and advise him what had
happened. She did so and told [redacted] to watch the
Chicago newspapers. [redacted] then immediately flew to
Chicago to be of assistance inasmuch as [redacted]
[redacted] was pregnant.

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Interview with [redacted]

File # 15-12848on 8/6/59 at Chicago, IllinoisDate dictated 8/10/59by Special Agent S [redacted] and JOHN F. GLENVILLE/javb6
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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 8/13/59

[redacted]
[redacted] on August 6, 1959 advised that [redacted] had
not been in Chicago in over a year until he flew from [redacted]
[redacted] to Chicago in July, 1959. [redacted]
[redacted] She
did not discuss the bribery with [redacted]
[redacted] claimed to her that he was not involved in the bribe.

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[redacted] declared she would endeavor to ob-
tain information from [redacted] who resides in the
[redacted] regarding the bribery, and would
encourage [redacted] to cooperate in the bribery investigation.

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On August 7, 1959, [redacted] declared she had
talked to [redacted] regarding the bribery, and he had
told her to mind her own business.

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on 8/6-7/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8/10/59
by Special Agent S [redacted] and JOHN F. GLENVILLE/jav

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On August 13, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] interviewed by SAs [redacted]

[redacted] said that she is a [redacted]

She said further that when she read about [redacted]

[redacted] in the papers, she immediately called [redacted] at

[redacted] This was the first that [redacted] knew about the

arrests and he expressed complete surprise and was very

upset. He said [redacted]

inasmuch as he wanted to see [redacted]

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While in Chicago he stayed at [redacted]

He indicated to both [redacted] that he knew

nothing about the whole bribery matter and [redacted] refused

to discuss it with him. [redacted] was aware of the fact

that the FBI wanted to talk to him. When [redacted] suggested

that he go to the FBI Office, he said that he was afraid

to. He did not say why he was afraid and insisted that

he knew nothing about the whole matter.

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It was explained to [redacted] that [redacted]

at the time of his arrest said that if [redacted] told

him to tell the whole story to the FBI, he would do so,

and for that reason an interview with [redacted] was desired

by the FBI. [redacted] said that she doubted very much

if [redacted] knew that [redacted] had made such a statement.

She declared that she would make every effort to have

[redacted] cooperate with the FBI in this case.

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Both [redacted] said they knew absolutely

nothing about the case other than what they read in the

newspapers. [redacted] said that she has a very poor

opinion of [redacted] and described him as a woman

chaser. She declared that [redacted]

[redacted] was a real disappointment to the whole [redacted]

family including [redacted] stated that

[redacted] were in the [redacted] since [redacted]

arrest, but the arrest was not mentioned.

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The Salt Lake City Division on August 10, 1959, advised that [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] on July 21, 1959, and agreed to come to the Las Vegas Resident Agency to discuss this matter. On that date he came to the Resident Agency in the company of his attorney and refused to answer any questions concerning the bribery matter unless his attorney was present during the interview. In view of this, no interview was conducted. [redacted] volunteered the statement that he had previously furnished all of the information he could concerning the matter and merely repeated all that he had said before.

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[redacted] was no more cooperative with the Clark County Sheriff's Office and is consequently no longer employed at the Silver Slipper Gambling Casino in [redacted]

[redacted] on August 12, 1959, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that she knows nothing whatsoever concerning the bribery [redacted] United States District Court, Chicago, in [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
BRIBERY

DATE: 8/19/59
DATE DICTATED: 8/18/59

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[REDACTED] Chicago Police Department,
3801 North Damen, Chicago, was interviewed on August 14,
1959, by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GERALD COVELLI. He said
he has no use for GERALD COVELLI and has not been on
good terms with GERALD [REDACTED] for several years since
GERALD [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for a worthless investment.

[REDACTED] stated he had no knowledge whatsoever
of the facts concerning bribing [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COVELLI in United States District Court. He said
neither COVELLI nor anyone else approached him concerning
the bribe, nor did he ever hear the matter discussed.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
GERALD COVELLI, on August 20, 1959, advised that she had seen COVELLI in [REDACTED] numerous times in the [REDACTED] but she had returned to Chicago in [REDACTED] and had not seen COVELLI since. She stated she has no knowledge whatsoever of the bribery [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate September 1, 1959

[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed in the office and in the presence of his attorney, [redacted]. He stated he had been associated with COVELLI [redacted] activities, however, COVELLI never mentioned the bribery [redacted] nor did he have any information concerning the bribery. He said that he did not see COVELLI during the period of COVELLI's [redacted] United States District Court concerning [redacted]. He further declared he has never been in a restaurant near State and Kinzie, and never met COVELLI, OLSHON, [redacted] at any restaurant near State and Kinzie.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 15-12848
on 8/26/59 at [redacted] Date dictated 8/31/59
by Special Agent [redacted] gmf

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
BRIBERY

DATE: 8/19/59
DATE DICTATED: 8/18/59

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JAMES ALLEGRETTI, 20 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his residence on August 18, 1959, by SAs [REDACTED] and AUGUST C. KEMPF.

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ALLEGRETTI declared he had nothing to do with or knowledge of the theft of Sunny Brook Whiskey on which GERALD COVELLI was tried in United States District Court, Chicago. He stated he never heard of [REDACTED]. He further stated he knew nothing whatsoever of the bribing [REDACTED] and in no way participated in the bribe. He declared he never heard of the name [REDACTED] and never contacted anyone concerning [REDACTED].

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The following is a description of ALLEGRETTI as obtained from the records of the Chicago, Illinois Police Department, files of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Chicago, and from personal observation:

Name	JAMES ALLEGRETTI, true name JAMES POLICHERI, also known as MONK
Date of Birth	May 31, 1905; June 1, 1905
Place of Birth	Naples, Italy
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8½"
Weight	185 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown, graying
Complexion	Ruddy

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Build	Heavy
Address	20 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Restaurant manager, 15 East Ohio Street, Chicago
Scars and Marks	Right middle finger has burn scar on tip
Peculiarities	Suffers from diabetes
Nationality	Italian

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

DATE: August 19, 1959

FROM : SA JOHN J. OITZINGER

Dictated: August 19, 1959

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI
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FFIS; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
BRIBERY

[redacted]
interviewed by SAs ROBERT J. DENEEN and JOHN J. OITZINGER on August 18, 1959, in his office located in the Chicago City Hall. He mentioned that for the past twenty-six years he has been [redacted] and that his term of office expires in another two years. He was advised that he was not compelled to speak to the Bureau agents; that any information he furnished might be used against him in a court of law, and that he has the right to consult an attorney.

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He was questioned regarding his association with JOE "CAESAR" DI VARCO. He stated that he did not know DI VARCO and had no information relating to him. He stated that he did not recall the newspaper publicity or the television appearance of DI VARCO in connection with the McClellan Committee Hearings in Washington, D. C. He also stated that COVELLI was not known to him and that he did not recall reading the local newspaper accounts of the reported bribery of a federal juror by a City of Chicago police officer. He commented that the reason for not recalling this publicity is probably due to the fact that he had been out of the city on vacation during this period of time.

He denied knowing anyone named [redacted] or anyone connected with the Sterile Glass Company located near Kinzie and State Streets. He added that the most southern boundary line for [redacted] and that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he knew JAMES ALLEGRETTI only as a restaurant owner in the Rush Street area of Chicago. He added that he has had no dealings with him. He denied participation or knowledge of instant bribery matter. He remarked that "I will have nothing to do with the Italians". He commented that being in public office for so many years he has met so many persons that he is unable to recall all of their names. However, he is certain that he had never entered into or became a part of a scheme or plot to bribe a federal juror. He further commented that he maintains a great deal of respect for our federal judicial system and that he would not knowingly enter into any scheme to circumvent the due process of law.

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He related that for many years he has known PATTY PETRONE, who died a few months ago, as a [redacted]. However, [redacted] has not approached him or requested him to exert pressure or influence in order to make a contact of any kind. Likewise, he stated PATTY PETRONE had not requested him to exert pressure or influence or to accept a contact in connection with any matter.

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[redacted] further stated that he is not acquainted with [redacted] and has no information concerning them.

The following descriptive data was obtained:

Name:	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted]
Age:	[redacted]
Place of Birth:	[redacted]
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	185-190 pounds
Build:	Medium-Heavy
Hair:	Gray and thinning
Eyes:	Blue
Marital Status:	Married
Occupation:	[redacted]
Place of employment:	City of Chicago

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848) DATE: September 1, 1959
FROM : SA [REDACTED] DATE DICT: August 31, 1959

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SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI;
ET AL
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY

On August 26, 1959, at approximately 10:15 AM, JACK CERONE was interviewed on the patio at the rear of his residence, 2000 North 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. CERONE was advised of his right to an attorney and the fact that he did not have to talk to Bureau Agents if he so desired. No threats or promises were made to him. As to his present occupation, CERONE advised that he was employed as a salesman for the Rite-Lite Neon Sign and Maintenance Company, 2345 West Chicago Avenue.

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He was questioned concerning his acquaintanceship with the [REDACTED] and he stated that he had been out of their neighborhood for approximately 12 years and he knew them as passing acquaintances. He was questioned concerning his association with GERALD COVELLI and he stated that his only knowledge of COVELLI was what he read in the papers. He disclaimed any knowledge of JOE "CAESAR" DI VARCO and [REDACTED].

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COVELLI stated that he did not wish to discuss this matter further and that any additional questions should be through his attorney, though he declined to identify who his attorney was. He admitted being "an acquaintance" of TONY ACARDO and stated that he had been questioned concerning this before the McCLELLAN Committee and his answers regarding this matter were a matter of record. He advised that he had made a large sum of money in the beer business and as a result was able to afford a better than average residence, which by observation would be priced at \$80,000 to \$100,000.

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In essence CERONE advised that "If you've got the paper (meaning a warrant) he would be glad to go downtown". It was his opinion that Bureau Agents were wasting their time and his by pursuing this matter further.

CERONE stated that he had [REDACTED]

he stated that [REDACTED]

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JACK CERONE is [REDACTED]
with [REDACTED] going to [REDACTED]

In front of CERONE's residence was a 1959 Thunderbird with 1959 Illinois License [REDACTED] which is issued to [REDACTED]

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Chicago (15-12848) DATE: August 26, 1959
FROM: SA [REDACTED] DICTATED: August 24, 1959
SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; LEROY SCHULTZ;
[REDACTED]

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THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY

At 9:45 a.m. on August 18, 1959, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAs JOHN M. KIRSCH and
[REDACTED] in a Bureau car in front of
the premises of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was interviewed concerning his
acquaintance with the [REDACTED] He stated
that he [REDACTED] and has known
him approximately [REDACTED] years, stating [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He advised that he did not know

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[REDACTED] was cordial to the Bureau Agents;
however, he advised that at this time he wanted
the agents to appreciate his position in this
matter and that he did not wish to answer any more
questions. He stated that all he knew about the
COVELLI and [REDACTED] case was what he read in the
newspapers. He advised that he did not wish to
discuss this matter further and that any additional
questions should be through his attorney. Through-
out the course of this interview, when attempts were
made by the interviewing agents to elicit information
on the aforementioned topic, [REDACTED] either stood
mute or stated that he would not answer any more
questions.

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[redacted] was questioned concerning his association with JOE "Ceasar" DI VARCO, JIMMIE ALLEGRETTI and [redacted]. At this time, [redacted] just smiled and said "I'm sorry fellas, I just can't help you." It is noted that [redacted] stood mute for the most part in the course of the interview.

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He stated that JACK CERONE [redacted] and advised that he was sorry he ever [redacted] whose name he declined to mention because since that time he was of the opinion that he has been classified as a [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he [redacted] and was [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
BRIBERY

DATE: 8/19/59
DATE DICTATED: 8/18/59

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JOSEPH DI VARCO, 4275 Jarvis Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois, was interviewed on August 18, 1959, by SAs [REDACTED] and AUGUST C. KEMPF in a Bureau car at the intersection of State and Kinzie Streets, Chicago, Illinois, near his place of business, the Sterile Glass Company.

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DI. VARCO declared he knew nothing of the bribery [REDACTED] GERALD COVELLI in United States District Court, Chicago, January, 1959, and in no way participated in the bribery. He stated he never heard of anyone named [REDACTED] nor any of the other jurors, nor was the name [REDACTED] known to him. He said he knew GERALD COVELLI only casually and had never loaned him any money or had any business dealings with him nor had he seen COVELLI during [REDACTED] He further stated [REDACTED] had nothing to do with bribing [REDACTED]

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The following description of DI. VARCO was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	JOSEPH DI VARCO
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 48
Birth Place	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'7"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, graying
Residence	4275 Jarvis Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois
Business	Sterile Glass Company, 405 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848) DATE: August 19, 1959
FROM : SA JOHN J. OITZINGER DICTATED: August 19, 1959
SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI
ET AL
TFIS; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
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[redacted]
was interviewed on August 18, 1959, by SAs ROBERT J. DENEEN and JOHN J. OITZINGER in the above office. [redacted] was advised that inasmuch as he is an attorney who has practiced law in United States District Court for a number of years, he is fully aware of his "rights" as set forth in our constitution. He replied in the affirmative. He was further advised that the FBI was conducting an investigation in connection with the reported [redacted] in connection with the GERALD COVELLI [redacted] he commented that he had been expecting this interview inasmuch [redacted] COVELLI [redacted]

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He remarked that the disclosure of the bribery [redacted] in this matter had come to him as a complete surprise; that he first learned of this upon reading the publicity afforded this matter in the local Terre Haute, Indiana newspapers where he was at that time handling the defense of [redacted] and that he had no prior knowledge from COVELLI or anyone else to indicate to him that the jury had been tampered with during the period of time when the trial was in progress or thereafter.

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He mentioned that the turning point of the COVELLI trial held last [redacted] occurred when a Bureau agent first testified as to the [redacted] COVELLI. He remarked that COVELLI had not previously [redacted] and this came as a surprise to him. At this period in [redacted]

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excluded and the testimony of the Bureau agent was heard in its entirety and was followed by arguments concerning the admissibility of this testimony. The defense motion was overruled. [redacted] further mentioned that at that time

[redacted] COVELLI [redacted] in this matter and [redacted]

[redacted] COVELLI, according to [redacted] remarked that he would take the stand because "it's his word against mine".

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[redacted] was questioned concerning [redacted]

[redacted] COVELLI [redacted]

[redacted] He replied that he

[redacted] He was asked whether he had

[redacted] COVELLI or anyone else. He replied in the negative and added that he believed that he still retained such a

[redacted] COVELLI [redacted]

[redacted] He commented that he had expected [redacted] (Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] to object to the inclusion of [redacted] on the jury because of his [redacted]

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[redacted] COVELLI. He further stated that he was surprised when [redacted] offered no objection.

Upon the conclusion of the trial [redacted] stated [redacted] Judge PERRY's [redacted] and later during the same evening he had received a telephone call [redacted] advising him that the jury had been dismissed because of their failure to reach an unanimous decision by the deadline set by Judge PERRY. He stated that he later learned by way of the "grapevine" that the jurors were nine to three in favor of a finding of guilt at the time when they were discharged.

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[redacted] reiterated that he had no prior knowledge of the bribing of the jurors in the COVELLI trial. He remarked that approximately one or two months prior to this disclosure he had met [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] at which time [redacted] expressed a desire to bring COVELLI to Chicago, Illinois, to appear before a Federal Grand Jury and [redacted] stated that [redacted] COVELLI returned to Chicago from Houston, Texas, because COVELLI [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked if he was acquainted with JOE "CAESAR" DI VARCO. He replied that he was not acquainted with DI VARCO other than having met him together with a number of other Chicagoans including JACK CERONE, one evening in Washington, D. C., during which time they had been appearing before the Mc Clellan Committee Hearings. He added that he just happened to be in Washington, D. C. at the same time representing "TEETS" BATTAGLIA (SAM BATTAGLIA). According to [redacted] BATTAGLIA had an old extradition matter which he had beaten some time ago and feared that his being subpoenaed before the Mc Clellan Committee was an excuse to get him back to Washington, D. C. on the old charge. [redacted] stated that he has had no further association with DI VARCO.

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He was questioned regarding his association with [redacted]. He replied that he is unable to readily place [redacted] however, believed that this person had contacted him several times in the past. He was questioned as to when, how and for what reason [redacted] had contacted him. [redacted] remarked that [redacted] COVELLI and had [redacted] the COVELLI trial was coming along and [redacted] He added that it was his recollection [redacted] came to him [redacted] at the

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above address on one occasion. He described [] as a blond haired person, approximately 5'7" in height of medium build, who was affiliated []

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[] was asked if this could be the Sterile Glass Company located near State and Kinzie Streets in Chicago and replied in the affirmative. He added that he had no further association with this individual.

*He was questioned regarding his possible association with JAMES ALLEGRETTI and replied that he knew ALLEGRETTI only as having an interest in a cafe or restaurant located on Chicago's near north side. He stated that he had no social or business dealings with ALLEGRETTI.

He related that he is not acquainted with [] however, [] heard this name discussed by his [] [] He continued to relate that for approximately []

SCHAEFFER, [] Federal Court in Terre Haute, Indiana, and that in his absence Attorney [] was taking care of his office and legal work in Chicago, and that it was during this period of time that [] had retained the services of Attorney [] He remarked that during the time he was in Terre Haute he was approached by Attorney [] and [] (Attorney [] and [] Dyer Act case pending against them in Houston, Texas, wherein COVELLI is a co-defendant. []

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[] COVELLI in this matter and the possibility existed that [] and his attorney associate maybe opposed to COVELLI in this matter. However, he stated he did give [] an affidavit reflecting that he was engaged in a trial in Terre Haute, Indiana.

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[redacted] was asked if [redacted] COVELLI and replied in the negative. He remarked that the bribery disclosure "does not help him" and that he is gravely concerned about this matter. He added that he has been lucky to have escaped without receiving some adverse publicity in the newspapers in this regard.

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[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

The following descriptive data was obtained:

Name:
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Occupation:
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5'8 1/2"
170-175 pounds
Medium-heavy
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI
ET AL
TFIS; OJ; BRIBERY
OO: CHICAGO

Re reports of SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR, at Houston, dated 7/2/59 and 9/2/59; and reports of SA [redacted] at Chicago, dated 8/5/59 and 9/8/59.

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This communication is being directed to the Bureau so the Bureau may be aware of recent developments.

On 9/7/59 information furnished by COVELLI as set forth in referenced report of SA O'CONNOR, dated 9/2/59 was discussed with AUSA MITCHELL S. RIEGER, Chief of Criminal Division, Chicago USA's Office, and with AUSA [redacted] at which time the desirability and necessity with respect to future investigation of [redacted] was explained to them.

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[redacted] indicated information to date appears insufficient to warrant indictment of Attorney [redacted] as well as JAMES ALLEGRETTI, [redacted] and JACK CERONE. This is only a preliminary opinion and [redacted] felt indictments could possibly be obtained against JOSEPH DI VARCO and [redacted] but efforts should first be made to [redacted] GERALD [redacted] regarding the bribery.

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[] stated he is not at this time considering bringing bribery suspects before a Federal Grand Jury. He desires to study the TFIS aspects further and may consider indictment of [] in the TFIS case.

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It is noted COVELLI and OLSHON are scheduled for sentencing at Houston, Texas in USDC, 10/5/59 on ITSMV charges to which they have already pled guilty. It is considered desirable that they testify in the bribery case prior to sentencing in the ITSMV case, inasmuch as they might be more cooperative prior to sentencing. In view of the short time until sentencing AUSA [] has been in contact with AUSA [] [] Houston, and is attempting to have the date of sentencing postponed.

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It was originally intended to have the bribery trial at Chicago the last week of September, 1959, however, if additional indictments are returned in Chicago the trial date will have to be later.

Prior to reaching a prosecutive opinion in this case, AUSA [] desires COVELLI and OLSHON be requested on the bribery facts.

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[] on 9/10/59 telephonically contacted AUSA [] Houston, and efforts are being made to have OLSHON returned to Houston for further questioning.

It is suggested that [] of OLSHON and COVELLI in referenced reports of SA O'CONNOR be thoroughly reviewed and that points of discrepancies be clarified in the re-interviews with OLSHON and COVELLI. A few of the items on which COVELLI and OLSHON's statements are either in agreement or have noticeable discrepancies are as follows:

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1. OLSHON said he and COVELLI went to a restaurant at State and Kinzie Streets, Chicago, [] COVELLI [] confirms this.

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2. COVELLI stated [redacted]

[redacted] the restaurant

[redacted] and that [redacted]

OLSHON [redacted]

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- a. [redacted] upon interview in Chicago denied this meeting, stated he has never been at the restaurant [redacted]

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- b. OLSHON should be questioned as to who else was at the restaurant when he met COVELLI.

3. COVELLI states OLSHON [redacted]

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4. OLSHON states [redacted] COVELLI when

COVELLI [redacted]

COVELLI [redacted]

COVELLI does not corroborate this.

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5. COVELLI stated he returned to the court alone after the noon recess. Monday, 1/19/59.

OLSHON stated that [redacted]

[redacted] COVELLI and COVELLI [redacted]

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- a. If OLSHON still states he was in the court room the afternoon of 1/19/59, he should be interrogated as to whom he saw on the witness stand and what happened that afternoon in court to determine whether he really was in the court room.

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6. COVELLI states that after recess on Monday afternoon, 1/19/59, he met OLSHON on the Southeast corner of Dearborn and Monroe Streets, and took a taxi to the Sterile Glass Company. At the Sterile Glass Company, DI VARCO asked COVELLI how the case was coming and COVELLI told him he thought it would soon be completed. DI VARCO told COVELLI not to worry, that everything was taken care of.

- a. OLSHON made no mention of this meeting and should be questioned concerning his recollections about the meeting.

7. It is noted the verdict was returned Monday, 1/19/59 not Tuesday as COVELLI stated in his signed statement.

8. [redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that [redacted] which tends to corroborate OLSHON's statement that he witnessed the payoff on a Monday.

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9. COVELLI stated that the day after the trial went to the jury, he went to court and then home. He stated that at his home were OLSHON and [redacted] and that he told them about the bribe.

- a. [redacted] on interview in Chicago declared COVELLI never told him anything about the bribe and he did not see COVELLI during the period of the bribe.
- b. OLSHON should be questioned regarding COVELLI's statement that he told OLSHON about the bribe at COVELLI's house.

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c. It should be fully explored as to what was said by [REDACTED] to COVELLI regarding the jury list, if anything was said other than was previously reported and it should be explored what was said by [REDACTED] to COVELLI regarding [REDACTED]

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11. OLSON upon observing photographs of [REDACTED] at first incorrectly identified [REDACTED] suggesting the possibility he could have been bluffing when he furnished a signed statement, and that he might merely have been told by COVELLI of the bribery and then made up the fact that he was present.

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In addition to the foregoing points, Houston is requested to question COVELLI as to whether he has heard the name [REDACTED] and if so, what part [REDACTED] played in the bribery.

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The Houston Division at Houston, Texas will maintain contact with AUSA [redacted] to determine if OLSHON will be moved to Houston for interview, to determine the date of the ITSMV trial and will re-interview OLSHON and COVELLI.

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Investigation should be expedited inasmuch as trial will probably be at an early date. Please expedite reporting of results of investigation for assistance of Chicago Agents in investigation and of USA, Chicago, in preparing prosecution.

Copies of this communication are designated for Dallas Division for their information inasmuch as Dallas, at Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, has interviewed OLSHON in the past, may possibly be requested to conduct further investigation in the future.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, HOUSTON

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 1P

GERALD COVELLI., ET AL, TFIS., OJ., BRIBERY. REMYAIRTEL SEPTEMBER ELEVEN LAST. [REDACTED] TODAY IN USDC, CHICAGO,

ENTERED NOT GUILTY PLEAS. ON OCTOBER FIVE NEXT TRAIL DATE WILL BE

SET. AUSA [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ADVISED HE WITH DEPARTMENT

APPROVAL IS FLYING TO HOUSTON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER TWENTY ONE NEXT TO

INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO CLARIFY DISCREPANCIES IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN

IN CONTACT WITH AUSA [REDACTED] HOUSTON, WHO WILL PROBABLY PARTICIPATE IN INTERVIEWS. SUGGEST HOUSTON ARRANGE TO HAVE AGENT PRESENT DURING INTERVIEWS.

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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (15-1492)

RE: GERALD COVELLI, ET AL
TFIS, OOJ, BRIBERY
(OO-Chicago)

RE: Chicago teletype to Bureau and Houston, 9/16/59.

Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted]
Chicago, arrived Houston, 9/21/59, and interviewed COVELLI
on 9/22 and 23/59 alone, according to arrangement wherein
[redacted] requested absence of Assistant U. S. Attorney
[redacted] and Bureau Agent. Discussion
with [redacted] concerning results of his interview with
COVELLI indicated COVELLI did not furnish any new infor-
mation. On 9/24 and 25/59, COVELLI and MAX OLSHON were
interviewed together in presence of Assistant U. S.
Attorneys [redacted] and Bureau Agent; Mr.
[redacted] conducted the questioning. Additional details
and corrections to information previously obtained from
COVELLI and [redacted] resulted from their face to face meeting.
Primarily it was developed that original statement by OLSHON
that he observed COVELLI pay money to a man at a real estate
office resulted from a ruse by COVELLI to swindle OLSHON of
money on pretext of making a payment for bribery. COVELLI
recalls the person contacted as [redacted] last name unrecalled,
and his location was out North Avenue, Chicago. It is
believed COVELLI will yet recall full identity of the person.
OLSHON also recalled previous trip with COVELLI to contact
[redacted]

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Also, COVELLI and OLSHON agree they discussed identity of fixed juror following close of trial on 1/19/59 while en route to Sterile Glass Co. in taxi cab. OLSHON previously erred when he said COVELLI pointed juror out while still in courtroom with remark "that's my man".

COVELLI and OLSHON agree on meeting in restaurant at 3rd and Kinzie. [redacted] were present. [redacted] OLSHON [redacted]

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It is noted [redacted] on interview at Chicago on 8/26/59 denied such a meeting or knowledge of bribery.

Information obtained by OLSHON [redacted] WM, born [redacted] 5'11", 171 pounds, brown straight hair, hazel eyes, FBI No. [redacted] to effect that [redacted] was in Chicago since latter's release on bond at [redacted] reportedly has ample money and had been [redacted] JOE "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO and [redacted] and/or [redacted] 1958 Oldsmobile and [redacted]

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Reliability of information from [redacted] questioned, as he has been [redacted] since [redacted] however, OLSHON states [redacted] must have been with [redacted] in Chicago because of people and places named. [redacted] also told OLSHON [redacted] will [redacted]

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For aid of Chicago in interview of [redacted] and [redacted] "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO, who operated the Flame, the San Antonio Office reported that on 8/28/59 [redacted] Automobile Association of America, Plaza Hotel, Laredo, Texas, advised that insurance policies issued and maintained by her office reflect that on 10/4/58 [redacted]

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purchased [redacted] for a 1958 Oldsmobile four door sedan, [redacted] bearing 1958 Illinois license

[redacted] was described as born [redacted]

[redacted] she was accompanied by [redacted]

[redacted] age [redacted] Also on 10/4/58 [redacted] purchased

insurance on a 1958 Cadillac four door sedan, [redacted] bearing 1958 Illinois license [redacted]

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It is noted that the Oldsmobile and Cadillac are probably identical with Car No. 34 and Car No. 30 in the case entitled "MAX OLSHON, aka., ET AL; ITSMV, CONSPIRACY, IMPERSONATION". The motor numbers of those cars, however, on examination in [redacted] were found to be number [redacted] and number [redacted]

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The above recorded evidence could be brought to the attention of Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] so that the matter of prosecution of [redacted] could be discussed and [redacted] thereafter informed of possible ITSMV prosecution, affected by their cooperation.

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Person who delivered stolen whisky from Cafe Continental to the Flame and Silver Dome, believed by COVELLI and OLSHON [redacted] LNU rather than the [redacted] LNU. The [redacted] told COVELLI he received [redacted]

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Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] returned to Chicago 9/25/59. On 9/28/59 [redacted] after conference with Assistant U. S. Attorney in charge Criminal Section, will phone Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Houston, and advise whether he [redacted] COVELLI and OLSHON in instant case. Interview of COVELLI and OLSHON will be continued and results in both TFIS and ITSMV cases submitted.

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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (15-1492)

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI;
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TFIS; OOF; BRIBERY
(OO: Chicago).

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, 9-26-59.

Interviews of COVELLI & MAX OLSHON at Houston during past week fail to resolve question of car trip by COVELLI and OLSHON during noon recess of COVELLI TFIS trial at Chicago on 1-19-59. It is recalled that OLSHON claimed and continues to steadfastly maintain the following event to have taken place during noon recess of trial on 1-19-59.

At approximately noon, 1-19-59, OLSHON arrived at the restaurant located at State and Kinzie Sts., Chicago, [redacted] having traveled from COVELLI's house at 1718 W. Winora, Chicago, in [redacted] 1957 blue or green and white, two-door Ford. OLSHON had arrived back in Chicago on 1-18-59, from Guatemala with approximately \$7,700 in cash and money orders and went to COVELLI's house on morning of [redacted] COVELLI phoned home before going to court at 10:00 am, 1-19-59, and instructed OLSHON to meet him at noon in the restaurant.

It is noted that COVELLI has stated [redacted] earlier that day, that is, before he knew OLSHON was back in Chicago, and therefore was in position to make a bribe payment.

According to OLSHON, and corroborated by COVELLI,

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COVELLI arrived at the restaurant in a taxi about same time OLSHON arrived. Seated at a table in the restaurant were [REDACTED]

COVELLI first [REDACTED] to OLSHON apart from the others and OLSHON turned over to COVELLI about \$4,500 in five, ten, and twenty dollar bills. OLSHON then sat with Chicago Auto Theft Squad Detectives [REDACTED] of Hertz Corp. while COVELLI went to table of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and was observed by OLSHON to hand money to [REDACTED] later claiming to OLSHON that he [REDACTED]

COVELLI then mentioned to OLSHON and they walked next door to Sterile Glass Company. [REDACTED] had left the restaurant and OLSHON went in the restaurant, did not converse with [REDACTED]

At Sterile Glass, OLSHON saw JOE DI VARCO and [REDACTED] OLSHON spoke to FRANK LISCIANDRELLO's [REDACTED] COVELLI and [REDACTED] went into a back room. COVELLI soon called OLSHON into the back room and told OLSHON to endorse either five or six of the \$100 Bank of America Money Orders, which he brought back from Guatemala, and these were given to HUDSON. OLSHON returned to front office and resumed talk [REDACTED] Very shortly, COVELLI told OLSHON to come with him and they got into FRANK LISCIANDRELLO's 1958 light green Ford convertible to which COVELLI kept a key and they drove out Randolph to Ogden and Washington, probably continuing West on Washington, to area of 3500 - 4500 west, turning North or South on a busy street, possibly Pulaski, and going about four blocks before parking. COVELLI entered real estate office at this location while OLSHON sat in car. Within one or two minutes, COVELLI emerged from real estate office with male person described as 35-38, 5'9-10", 170-190 lbs., dark, olive skin, clean shaven, well dressed in blue suit, light colored shirt and dark tie. OLSHON is certain he saw COVELLI give money to this person in doorway of real estate office. After about three minutes with this person, COVELLI went into restaurant or tavern adjoining the real estate office and bought two packs of Lucky Strikes. They then drove back to Sterile Glass, possibly by Grand Avenue.

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COVELLI seemed enthusiastic and remarked to OLSHON that everything was all set. COVELLI left LISCIANDRELLO's car at Sterile Glass and [redacted] who observed them return. [redacted] COVELLI and OLSHON to the Federal Court in his [redacted]
[redacted]

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COVELLI denies any recollection of such a trip. Reairtel indicates COVELLI recalled making a trip out North Avenue, Chicago, where he contacted a [redacted] in order to play hoax on OLSHON and swindle OLSHON out of money on basis money needed to "fix" his case. COVELLI now states this was untrue but that he was merely trying to corroborate OLSHON and eliminate the discrepancy regarding a car trip having taken place.

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OLSHON claims he is positive about this trip but was not paying attention to where they were driving and states he is unfamiliar with west side Chicago. He describes real estate office as in a two story building with apartments above, and on either left or right front of office, believed on left front (as viewed from street), is door and entrance-way, indented from line of sidewalk. A large plate-glass window completes front of office and on one side of window are letters, believed in gold on red background, denoting a notary public; on the other end of window are letters, believed in gold, denoting insurance. Across upper center of window are words real estate. A striped awning, believed blue or green and white, is above the office window, and the awning trim shows the street address number on either end and a long Italian name across the middle. [redacted] thought the name began with a G or a C but was uncertain.

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OLSHON believes that photos of the real estate office shown him at FCI, Texarkana, after he had previously stated [redacted] was not the real estate office in question, may be the correct office but the photos were small and he could not make a decision. He would like to see them again, particularly enlargements.

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COVELLI claimed it would be impossible to make such a trip as described by OLSHON in short time of lunch recess. AUSA [redacted] Chicago, who has been in telephonic contact with AUSA [redacted] advised noon recess on 1-19-59, lasted from 12:05 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. OLSHON states round trip between Sterile Glass and real estate office lasted 45 - 50 minutes and that Attorney [redacted] and AUSA [redacted] were discussing motions before Judge PERRY when he and COVELLI arrived in courtroom.

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Above description of real estate office and route from Sterile Glass furnished AUSA [redacted] in phone call with AUSA [redacted] on 9-30-59 written statements from OLSHON and COVELLI in TFIS violation prepared and copies furnished by air mail to AUSA [redacted] before signing; this procedure requested by [redacted] after conferral with others in this office. New statements in bribery held in abeyance in attempt to first resolve completely opposed versions of COVELLI and OLSHON re "trip".

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According to OLSHON, FRANK LISCIANDRELLO did not know COVELLI was taking his car for the trip and that afternoon after trial ended when COVELLI and OLSHON again went to Sterile Glass, LISCIANDRELLO was angry with COVELLI, as LISCIANDRELLO had wanted the car during the time COVELLI had it.

Houston will promptly ~~promptly~~ report new developments.

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Date: 10-12-59

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 SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI;
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 (OO: CG)

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, 10-3-59.
 Chicago airtels to Houston (inter-office)
 dated 10/6 and 8/59.

On 10-5-59, written statement of [redacted]
 [redacted] Copy of this statement was
 not sent to Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted]
 Chicago, as has been requested by him through Assistant U. S.
 Attorney [redacted] Houston, because the
 matter of the trip by OLSHON with COVELLI, as set forth
 in referenced airtel of 10-3-59, is still unresolved. The
 stated purpose of [redacted] in requesting copies of
 statements before signing is to eliminate discrepancies upon
 which the defense could take issue.

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On 10-6-59, COVELLI furnished AUSA [redacted] with
 description of a cafe located on 12th St., and Blue Island
 Ave., Chicago, which he thinks may be the place to which he
 drove OLSHON during noon recess in the TFIS trial on 1-19-59.
 COVELLI claimed he met JIM DeGEORGE at this cafe concerning
 the bonds which had been stolen from the Chicago law firm
 of [redacted] JIM DeGEORGE [redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted] OLSHON, upon being apprised of COVELLI's version of the trip, stated it is possible COVELLI is correct. OLSHON requested to see photos of the place described by COVELLI and also photo of JIM DeGEORGE and of JACK CERONE without his glasses. AUSA [redacted] on 10-6-59, telephonically informed AUSA [redacted] of need for photos.

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On 10/6 and 7/59 [redacted] were interviewed in office of AUSA [redacted] by [redacted] agent in charge of Federal Bureau of Narcotics of Houston. [redacted] was on [redacted] and [redacted] knew various hoods [redacted] in particular one [redacted] whom the Bureau of Narcotics have been seeking.

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[redacted] in an apparent [redacted]
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[redacted] who will come to Houston week of [redacted]
[redacted] local Narcotics Agent, [redacted] is [redacted]
[redacted] who has narcotics conviction.

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On 10-8 and 9-59, OLSHON was interviewed in "MAX OLSHON, aka., Et Al; ITSMV", Bufile 26-250 440, with COVELLI present in effort to clear up discrepancies between his and COVELLI's signed statements in that case.

Also on 10-9-59, photos of area of Blue Island and Roosevelt (12th) Avenues, Chicago, were received by AUSA [redacted] from AUSA [redacted] and these were displayed to OLSHON and COVELLI. OLSHON said this location "rings a bell" but he is not certain this is the place he went to with COVELLI on 1-19-59; he said he thinks he may have gone there at some other time with COVELLI. COVELLI, himself, stated he is not sure the area of Blue Island and Roosevelt Avenues is the place to which he drove OLSHON on 1-19-59.

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Photos of the Blue Island and Roosevelt intersection show business places including Dutch's Snack Shop, Roosevelt Lounge, N. Orloff, and Sons Real Estate, and Taxicab Drivers Union. COVELLI said Dutch's Snack Shop is a hangout for some hoods and that he went there to see "Big Jim" DeGEORGE concerning [REDACTED]

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OLSHON desired to see photo of JIM DeGEORGE because he feels quite certain he can identify the person he saw COVELLI talking with at noontime on 1-19-59, at what he believes was a real estate office in west side Chicago.

Houston will submit copy of [REDACTED] to AUSA [REDACTED] and will obtain statement in [REDACTED] despite the difference in version by [REDACTED]

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It appears that COVELLI may be "holding back", what he knows about the car trip with OLSHON, but is relatively sure that OLSHON's version of the trip cannot be verified, due possibly to poor or inaccurate recollection by OLSHON. It would not seem likely that in January, 1959, COVELLI would be handling [REDACTED] matter with JIM DeGEORGE when he collected [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (15-38700)

DATE: 10/17/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

✓ SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL
THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY
OO: CHICAGO

On October 5, 1959, in United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, this bribery case was continued until November 9, 1959, on which date arguments will be heard on motions to be made by defense counsel. No dates for the bribery trial or theft from interstate shipment retrial have been set.

Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, still undecided as to who, if anyone, he will indict in the bribery and theft from interstate shipment cases, other than those already under indictment.

Daily contact being maintained with Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] Chicago, and Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 10/16/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/3 - 10/12/59
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED GERALD COVELLI; JAMES ALLEGRETTI (True Name James Policheri) Aka., Monk Allegretti, James Millo; [redacted] JACK CERONE; [redacted] JOSEPH VINCENT DI VARCO. Aka. "Caesar": [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY MAM
		CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY	

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SYNOPSIS
Aka. [redacted]
[redacted]
**JOSEPH LISCIANDRELLO, Aka.,
"Ruffy"**

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The title of this report is marked changed to add the names of
**JAMES ALLEGRETTI, [redacted] JACK CERONE, [redacted]
[redacted] JOSEPH DI VARCO, [redacted] and [redacted]
as subjects inasmuch as [redacted]
[redacted] In addition the names [redacted] and JOSEPH
LISCIANDRELLO have been added to the title inasmuch [redacted]
[redacted]**

REFERENCES: Report of SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR dated 9/2/59 at
Houston.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/8/59 at
Chicago.

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A copy of this report is designated for the United States Attorney, Houston, inasmuch as [redacted] [redacted] Over Act violation in United States District Court, [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] [redacted] Houston, as well as to the FBI, and [redacted] [redacted]

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In regard to the lead set forth in referenced Chicago report to interview [redacted] this lead is not being covered inasmuch [redacted] [redacted] and it is felt it would not be advisable to interview her in view of her condition.

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The records of the [redacted] [redacted] to Investigative Clerk [redacted]

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A check of telephone number [redacted] was made by SA MAURICE H. PRICE at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with [redacted]

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LEADS

THE DALLAS DIVISION (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is designated for the Dallas Division for their information inasmuch as MAX OLSHON may be returned from Houston to the U.S. Penitentiary at Texarkana, Texas, and additional leads may later be requested of the Dallas Division.

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THE HOUSTON DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

1. Will report results of additional interviews of GERALD COVELLI and MAX OLSHON.
2. Will advise results of exhibition to COVELLI of photographs of JACK CERONE and of neighborhood in vicinity of Roosevelt Road and Blue Island Avenue, Chicago.
3. Will report results of showing enlarged photographs of Evangelista Realty Company to OLSHON and COVELLI.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will continue efforts to interview [redacted] and [redacted] regarding Theft From Interstate Shipment violation and Bribery.
2. Will continue efforts to identify real estate office at which OLSHON believes he saw COVELLI making payment to a man.
3. Will maintain contact with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] for his further prosecutive opinions in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: Oct 10, 1961

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Field Office File #: Chicago 15-12848

Bureau File #: 15-38700

Title: GERALD COVELLI; JAMES ALLEGRETTI;

[REDACTED] JACK

CERONE; [REDACTED]

JOSEPH VINCENT DI VARCO; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOSEPH LISCIANDRELLO

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Character:

THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY

Synopsis:

The names of JAMES ALLEGRETTI, [REDACTED] JACK
CERONE, [REDACTED] JOSEPH VINCENT DI VARCO, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] are added to the title of this report

inasmuch as [REDACTED] The

names of [REDACTED] and JOSEPH LISCIANDRELLO are added

inasmuch as [REDACTED] Theft From Interstate
Shipment violation. [REDACTED]

Chicago, denies knowing identity of person who left stolen
whiskey at Cafe Continental. [REDACTED]

to Cafe Continental denies helping unload whiskey [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in USDC,
Chicago, Illinois, entered not guilty pleas to Bribery charges.
No date for Bribery trial or Theft From Interstate Shipment
re-trial set. Arguments on motions on Bribery trial will be
heard in USDC, Chicago, [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

INTERSTATE SHIPMENT THEFT INVESTIGATION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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On September 17, 1959, the following individuals were contacted by SAs [redacted] in an effort to locate [redacted] for interview, however, they did not know her address or recent whereabouts:

[redacted]

Former Landlord

[redacted]

On September 25, 1959, [redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted] where he is [redacted] by SA [redacted] at which time he stated he does not know the address of [redacted] but will attempt to obtain it.

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On October 7, 1959, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] was residing in a [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted]

SA [redacted] in a search of the vicinity of [redacted] located the name [redacted] on a mailbox [redacted] however, the tenant was not home.

Efforts were made by SAs [redacted] on October 9 and 12, 1959, to interview [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted] however, she was not available.

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On October 9, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SAs [redacted] that [redacted] had resided at [redacted] for [redacted] and had just sent in a money order for her October rent. He was unable to locate the application for the apartment and consequently could not furnish information as to her employment.

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[redacted] on October 9, 1959, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] moved into [redacted] in [redacted] and was still residing there. He advised he had not seen her for several days but would notify the FBI when he does see her.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate September 17, 1959

[redacted] Cafe Continental, 44 East Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that as [redacted] he has no occasion to go to the liquor room. He said he did not know how the stolen Sunny Brook liquor got into the room, saw no one bringing it in, and did not help in bringing it in. He said that he did see some gallon jugs in the liquor room when the FBI Agents went in the room in the spring of 1958.

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[redacted] stated that he formerly [redacted] as [redacted] was not employed at the Cafe Continental in 1958 or at the time the Sunny Brook whiskey was there. He advised that [redacted] resides at the [redacted]

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on 9/17/59 at [redacted] Date dictated 9/17/59
by Special Agents [redacted] MAM

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The Houston Division on September 26, 1959, advised that GERALD COVELLI and [redacted] upon interview by Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] and SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR related that the person who delivered the stolen whiskey from the Cafe Continental to the Flame and Silver Dome was believed by them to be the [redacted] (LNU), rather than [redacted] (LNU). The [redacted] COVELLI [redacted]

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On October 8, 1959, [redacted] Also Known As [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] the Cafe Continental until [redacted] and since that date he has been [redacted] Papa Milano's, 6415 North Western, Chicago. He declared he never saw any Sunny Brook whiskey stored at the Cafe Continental when he was there and knew nothing concerning stolen Sunny Brook whiskey.

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[redacted] Bordelon's, 44 East Walton, a furniture store next to the Cafe Continental, on October 7, 1959, advised his records reflected he had only [redacted] during the period from [redacted] that [redacted] who was employed in the stock room. [redacted] declared he knew nothing concerning movement of liquor to the Cafe Continental.

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[redacted] Bordelon's, 44 East Walton, on October 7, 1959, related [redacted] furniture store for the [redacted]. He related that his furniture company uses the same elevator as the Cafe Continental and sometimes shipments to the Cafe may be on the same elevator as shipments to the furniture store, however, he, at no time, helped unload any liquor. [redacted] Cafe Continental during the [redacted]. He knew nothing concerning movement of Sunny Brook whiskey to the Cafe Continental.

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A check of buildings in the block around the Cafe Continental revealed there is no furniture store through the block or around the corner from the Cafe Continental.

[redacted]
subject COVELLI, and [redacted]
on September 23, 1959, stated that they both know JOE "RUFFY"
and FRANK LISCIANDRELLO, but do not know of them to have any
brother who has had or is operating a grocery store.

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Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]
Chicago, on October 9, 1959, advised no date has been set
for re-trial of the Theft From Interstate Shipment case,
and he has not reached a decision as yet as to whether
additional individuals will be indicted.

BRIBERY INVESTIGATION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

October 14, 1959

Date

Lieutenant [redacted] advised that he is the [redacted] From his records he stated that [redacted] was assigned to the [redacted] District in [redacted] and was assigned to that District [redacted] During the month of [redacted] [redacted] was assigned to the midnight to 8:00 A.M. shift in the [redacted] District, also known as the [redacted] District.

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Interview with Lieutenant [redacted] File # 15-12848
on 10/9/59 at 1121 South State Street Date dictated 10/13/59
Chicago Police Department
Chicago, Illinois
by Special Agent KENNETH M. GRANT/MAM

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The Houston Division on September 18, 1959, related that Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] has stated that the trial concerning the Dyer Act violation of [redacted] has been continued by agreement of counsel. The purpose of the continuance, which was initiated by the government, was to allow [redacted]

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[redacted] the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle case. [redacted] said no new trial date on the Dyer Act case has been set, but he believes it will probably be set for December, 1959.

On September 16, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chicago, advised he would, with Department approval, fly to Houston, Texas, on September 21, 1959, to interview [redacted]

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[redacted] to clarify discrepancies in [redacted]

The Houston Division on September 26, 1959, furnished the following information:

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chicago, arrived in Houston, September 21, 1959, and [redacted] on September 22 and 23, 1959, alone, according to arrangement wherein [redacted] requested absence of Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] and Bureau Agent. Discussion with [redacted] concerning [redacted]

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On September 24 and 25, 1959, [redacted] were [redacted] in presence of Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and Bureau Agent; [redacted] conducted the questioning. [redacted]

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and [redacted] it was developed that the original statement by [redacted]

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Also. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] meeting in restaurant
at State and Kinzie. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were present. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] by OLSHON was made at this time, apart from [REDACTED]

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On September 3, 1959, Chicago forwarded to Dallas for exhibition to [REDACTED] photographs of the Evangelista Realty office, 3838 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and of the 3800 block of West Chicago Avenue, in which the Realty office is located, to determine whether Evangelista Realty Company is the location where [REDACTED]

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The Dallas Division on September 16, 1959, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] on September 14, 1959, and shown photographs of the different views of the "Evangelista Realtors" business and the surrounding area. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] again that he felt that he would actually have to see the place in person to be able to positively identify it.

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The following information was furnished by the Houston Division on October 3, 1959, concerning reinterviews with [redacted]

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[redacted] claims that at approximately noon, January 19, 1959, he arrived at the restaurant located at State and Kinzie Streets, Chicago, [redacted] having traveled [redacted] 1957 blue or green and white, two-door Ford. [redacted] on [redacted]

It was noted that [redacted] has stated [redacted] earlier that day, that is, before he [redacted] and therefore was in a [redacted]

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According to [redacted] and corroborated [redacted] arrived at the restaurant in a taxi about the same time [redacted] arrived. Seated at a table in the restaurant were [redacted]

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[redacted] first spoke to [redacted] apart from the others and [redacted] [redacted] Chicago Auto Theft Squad Detectives [redacted] of Hertz Corporation. while [redacted] went to the table of [redacted] and was observed by [redacted] to [redacted] later claiming to [redacted] that he gave [redacted]

[redacted] then motioned to [redacted] and they walked next door to Sterile Glass Company. [redacted] had left the restaurant and [redacted] went in the restaurant, did not converse with [redacted]

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At Sterile Glass, [redacted] saw JOE DI VARCO and
[redacted] FRANK LISCIANDRELLO's [redacted]
[redacted] COVELLI and
[redacted] went into a back room. [redacted] soon called [redacted]
[redacted] and told [redacted]
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[redacted] Very shortly, [redacted] told [redacted]
[redacted] FRANK LISCIANDRELLO's 1958 light green Ford
convertible, to which [redacted] and they drove out
Randolph to Ogden and Washington, probably continuing west
on Washington, to area of 3500 - 4500 West, turning north or
south on a busy street, possibly Pulaski, and going about four
blocks before parking. [redacted] entered real estate office at
this location while [redacted] Within one or two
minutes, [redacted] emerged from real estate office with male
person, described as 35-38, 5'9-10", 170-190 pounds, dark,
olive skin, clean shaven, well dressed in blue suit, light
colored shirt and dark tie. [redacted] is certain [redacted]

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After about three minutes with this person, [redacted] went into
restaurant or tavern adjoining the real estate office and
bought two packs of Lucky Strikes. [redacted]
Sterile Glass, possibly by Grand Avenue. [redacted] seemed
enthusiastic and remarked to [redacted] that everything was all
set. [redacted] left LISCIANDRELLO's car at Sterile Glass and
[redacted] who observed them return. [redacted] COVELLI [redacted]
[redacted] to the Federal Court in his [redacted]

[redacted] denies any recollection [redacted]
In reference to previous information furnished by [redacted]
that he made a trip out North Avenue, Chicago, where he
contacted a [redacted] in order to play a hoax on [redacted]

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untrue, but that he was merely trying to corroborate [redacted]
and eliminate the discrepancy regarding a car trip having
taken place.

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[redacted] but
was not paying attention to [redacted] driving and states
he is unfamiliar with the west side of Chicago. He describes
real estate office as in a two story building with apartments
above, and on either left or right front of office, believed
on left front (as viewed from street), is door and entrance-
way, indented from line of sidewalk. A large plate-glass
window completes front of office and on one side of window are
letters, believed in gold on red background, denoting a
notary public; on the other end of the window are letters,
believed in gold, denoting insurance. Across upper center of
window are words "Real Estate". A striped awning, believed
blue or green and white, is above the office window, and
the awning trim shows the street address number on either end
and a long Italian name across the middle. [redacted] thought
the name began with a G or a C, but was uncertain.

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[redacted] advised the Houston Office that photographs
[redacted]
[redacted] after he had previously stated
the [redacted] Realty Company was not the real estate office in
question, might be the correct office, but the photographs
were small and he could not make a decision. He stated he
would like to see them again, particularly enlargements.

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On October 12, 1959, enlarged photographs of the
Evangelista Realty office were forwarded by Chicago to Houston
to be exhibited to [redacted] to determine if that [redacted]
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INTERVIEW REPORTDate October 14, 1959

[redacted] advised that he is a police officer assigned to the [redacted] Chicago Police Department. Officer [redacted] advised that he and his partner, [redacted] saw MAX OLSHON, JERRY COVELLI, and an unknown individual in a restaurant across from 7 West Kinzie one morning in January or February, 1959. These individuals, when they left the restaurant, took a cab and headed west.

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Officer [redacted] was able to pinpoint this incident from his records as being between January 15, 1959, and February 3, 1959.

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on 10/9/59 at 1121 South State Street, Date dictated 10/13/59
Chicago Police Department,
Chicago, Illinois
by Special Agent KENNETH M. GRANT/MAM

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On September 18, 1959, [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed in the
office of his attorney, [redacted]
[redacted] by SA [redacted] at which time he again denied
knowledge of the bribery and denied meeting OLSHON, COVELLI,
[redacted] at a restaurant near State and Kinzie, Chicago.

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On September 28, 1959, SA [redacted]
checked the neighborhood of Pulaski and Ogden and the neighbor-
hood of Washington and Pulaski, in efforts to locate a real
estate office similar to that described by OLSHON, with negative
results.

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On October 6, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney
[redacted] declared he had received a phone call
from Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]
Houston, requesting photographs of buildings on the southeast
corner of the intersection of 12th Street and Blue Island
Avenue, Chicago, and also photographs of JACK CERONE, without
glasses or hat.

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Photographs of CERONE, without hat or glasses, and
photographs of the neighborhood of Blue Island Avenue and
Roosevelt Road (also known as 12th Street) were forwarded
to Houston on October 9, 1959, for exhibition to OLSHON and
COVELLI.

The Indianapolis Division on September 16, 1959,
furnished the following [redacted]
[redacted]

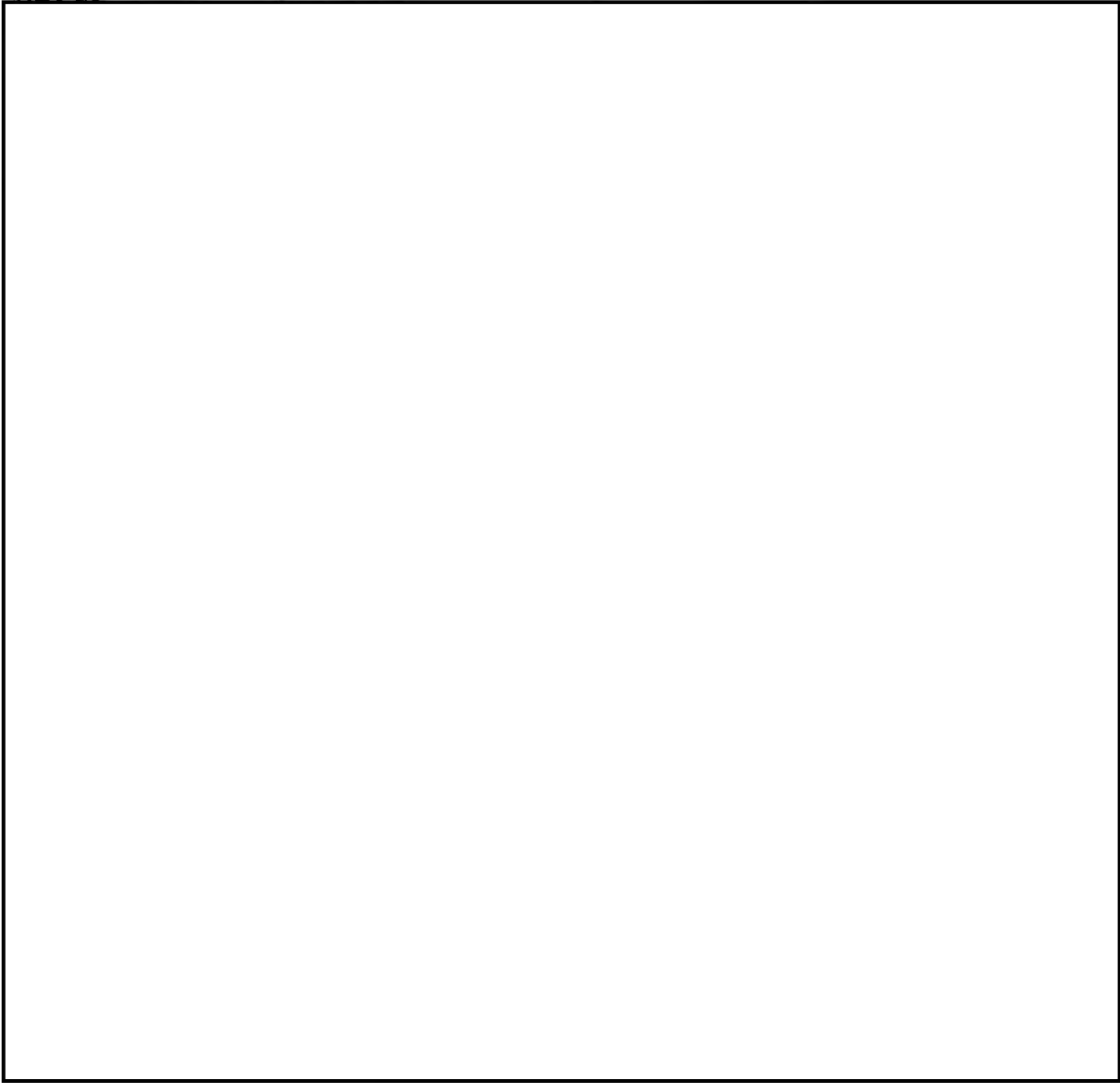
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

Date: September 29, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Date Dictated: 9/24/59

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SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL
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On September 18, 1959, the following listings
of [REDACTED] were obtained by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

DATE: September 29, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Date Dictated: 9/24/59

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SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL
TFIS; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
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Records of the [REDACTED]
reflect the following listings for [REDACTED]

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The above records can be produced only upon issuance of a subpoena directed to Security Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 230 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

RMB/pif/caf/MAM

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On September 18, 1959, the Chicago Division requested the Milwaukee Division to determine to whom phone number [redacted] was listed inasmuch as it was known that JOE DI VARCO was away from Chicago at the time of the arrests of the [redacted] and it was felt that possibly [redacted] might have called DI VARCO from Terre Haute, Indiana. Milwaukee was requested to determine if [redacted] was a hotel, and who was registered there as of July 26, 1959, the date the call was placed.

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The Milwaukee Division on October 9, 1959, related that SA MAURICE H. PRICE, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, determined that telephone number [redacted] is listed to the [redacted]

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[redacted] Credit Bureau of Walworth County, Delavan, Wisconsin, on September 25, 1959, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr. that the records in her office revealed that [redacted]

[redacted] that operates during the [redacted] until about the [redacted]

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[redacted] Dutch Mill, also a tavern and restaurant, located on South Shore Drive at Lake Delavan, Wisconsin.

Chief Deputy GEORGE SAWYER, Sheriff's Office, Walworth County, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, on September 25, 1959, advised SA HIGGINS that as far as known, [redacted] is not involved in any racket activities although he originally came to Delavan [redacted] some years ago. [redacted]

[redacted] however, was involved with racketeers in Chicago and later came to Delavan, Wisconsin, and is not considered reliable.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)

DATE: October 14, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Date Dictated: 10/13/59

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SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL
TFIS; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
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A check of the records of the [REDACTED]

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revealed that [REDACTED]
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A check of the records of the [REDACTED]

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[redacted] on October 12, 1959, declared he has no additional information regarding the bribery and states [redacted] has not discussed others involved with him or admitted his part in the bribery.

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[redacted] on September 23, 1959, declared she does not know the whereabouts of [redacted] Fountain Bleau Tavern, however, she will advise the FBI if she learns of her whereabouts.

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[redacted] declared [redacted] is not known to her.

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On October 6, 1959, [redacted] Clerk, Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] that her files contain no record of [redacted] however, they reflected one [redacted] as of June 30, 1959, residing at [redacted]

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[redacted] not [redacted] as reported by the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, 1445 North State Parkway, Chicago, on October 9, 1959, advised SAs [redacted] that she never heard of the Fountain Bleau Tavern, never worked there, and never head of GERALD COVELLI or of the name LISCIANDRELLO. She advised [redacted] of the apartment building at [redacted] prior to which she worked at [redacted]

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On September 16, 1959, in United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois [redacted] appeared before United States District Judge J. SAM PERRY, at which time they entered not guilty pleas to the Bribery charges outstanding against them. The case was continued until October 5, 1959, at which time a trial date was to be set.

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On October 5, 1959, [redacted] appeared in United States District Court, Chicago. No date was set at that time for the Bribery trial, however, the case was continued to November 9, 1959, at which time arguments on motions will be heard.

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The FBI identification record of JAMES ALLEGRETTI, FBI No. 1500264, as of January, 1958, is as follows:

United States Marshal, Chicago	James Millo	10/14/31	NP Act
United States Marshal, Chicago	James Policheri #12808	10/8/34	Counterfeit
Bureau, Field Division, Chicago	James Allegretti	6/24/43	Investigation of Harboring (released)

The Chicago Police Department record on ALLEGRETTI is as follows:

Arrested 2/22/36, Sec. 3143 et al CC, Discharged 2/24/36.
Arrested 6/18/36, Disorderly Conduct, D.W.P. 6/18/36.
Arrested 2/6/45, Driving While Intoxicated, Discharged 3/8/45.
Arrested 7/25/45, Speeding, Discharged 8/1/45.
Arrested 1/2/51, Investigation, Released.
Arrested 5/27/54, Investigation, Discharged.

United States Marshal's files also reflected that ALLEGRETTI, as JAMES POLICHERI, was arrested October 8, 1934, on a counterfeiting charge. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner WALKER and subsequently discharged on October 13, 1934.

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The following is the FBI identification record of
JOSEPH DI VARCO, FBI No. 1095466, as obtained March 16, 1959:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD Chgo Ill	Joe Divarco #C-73637	4-27-36	counter- feiting	held to Fed GJ \$40,000.
USM Chgo Ill	Joe Divarco #14497	4-28-36	counterfeit	1 yr Milan Mich
Fed Det Farm Milan Mich	Joe Divarco #4022	1-12-37	counter- feiting (conspiracy)	1 yr
PD Chgo Ill	Joseph Di Varco	12-6-57	GP	
Army	Joseph Vincent Di Varco #36328792	4-6-42 Chgo Ill		

Records of the Chicago Police Department as of
January, 1959, reflect the following arrests of DI VARCO:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
5/1/45	General Principles Chicago PD	Unknown
5/12/49	Disorderly Conduct	Discharged, Judge O'Connell, Branch 27, 5/13/49
1/21/51	Gambling, Vagrancy Report No. 123360	Unknown
5/13/52	General Principles	Released on writ by Chief Justice, 5/13/52

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<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
4/17/53	Gambling Investigation	Discharged by Judge Harrington, Branch 30, on 4/22/53
5/6/54	Disorderly Conduct Investigation	Discharged by Judge Caplen, Branch 27, 5/11/54
5/27/54	Investigation by Stolen Auto Unit	Unknown
2/18/55	Homicide Investigation	Released on a writ by the Chief Justice and discharged 2/18/55
12/6/57	Gambling Investigation	Discharged, Judge Buoscio, Branch 27, on 12/12/57

The following is the arrest record obtained at the Chicago Police Department for one [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] who is identical with [redacted]

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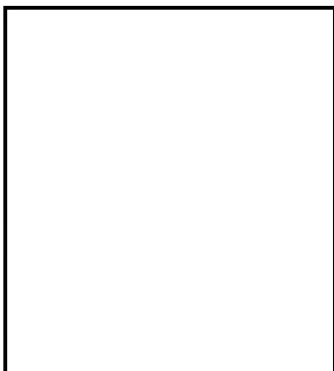


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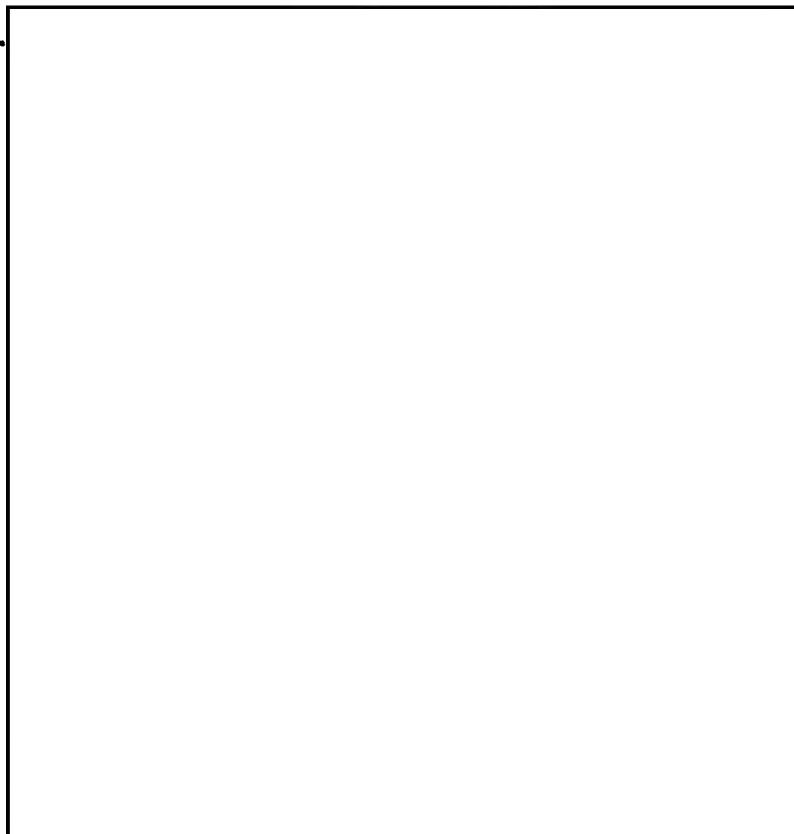
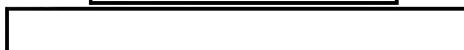
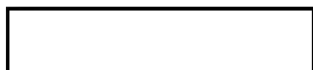
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Date: 10/23/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (15-38700)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (15-1492)
SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL,
TFIS; OOF; BRIBERY
(OO: Chicago)

Re: Houston airtel to Bureau, dated 10/12/59.
Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated
10/16/59.

COVELLI interviewed on captioned bribery on
10/15, 16, and 19/59 and statement obtained to be forwarded,
unsigned, to AUSA [redacted] Chicago on 10/26/59.

Referenced airtel, first paragraph, sets forth
reason for sending unsigned copies of statements to AUSA
[redacted] It is believed COVELLI will not now change his
statement concerning the trip with OLSHON during noon recess
of the TFIS trial at Chicago on 1/19/59. COVELLI stated he
does not definitely recall such a trip but if one were made
it had to be to one of following places:

1. A key shop located two doors from corner of
22nd Street on either State or Wabash, Chicago, where they
could obtain master keys for GM cars;

2. Dutch's Snack Shop on Roosevelt Avenue, near
corner of Blue Island where COVELLI met with "Big Jim"
De GEORGE who wanted COVELLI to contact a party in Detroit
who owed money to De GEORGE -- and not concerning [redacted]

[redacted] as reported in
referenced airtel. Also, COVELLI stated TIM De GEORGE met

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[redacted] and is friend of JOE GLEMCOE (PH) President of Taxi Drivers Local 777, on Blue Island near corner of Roosevelt. According to COVELLI, DeGEORGE and GLEMCOE are close friends and DeGEORGE generally can be located at Dutch's Shack Shop each Monday and Tuesday.

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Photos of Evangelista Realty Co., Chicago, and of JACK CERONE were shown to MAX OLSHON and COVELLI on 10/14/59. OLSHON states this is not the realty office to which he believes he made trip with COVELLI during noon recess of TFIS trial on 1/19/59 and he does not think CERONE is person he saw contacted by COVELLI at that time.

COVELLI stated he does not believe he ever saw the Evangelista Realty Company; he readily recognized photos of CERONE but denied he contacted him in this bribery case.

Houston will submit report containing statements of OLSHON and COVELLI in TFIS and Bribery aspects of this case upon word from AUSA [redacted], Chicago, that statements should be signed.

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Chicago requested to advise AUSA [redacted] that AUSA [redacted] Houston, will expect call upon review of COVELLI'S bribery statement to be sent AUSA [redacted] on 10/26/59.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (15-38700)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (15-1492)

SUBJECT: GERALD COVELLI; ET AL
TFIS; OOJ; BRIBERY
(OO: Chicago)

Re: Chicago airtels to Houston, 10/23 and 10/30/59.

On 10/26/59, the nine sheets from the Chicago Classified Telephone Directory listing real estate offices in Chicago were made available to MAX OLSHON for review; he stated that he could not identify from these pages the name of the realty office to which he believes he travelled with COVELLI during the noon recess of the TFIS trial of COVELLI on 1/19/59.

On 11/2/59, photos of the Melchiorre Realty Company, 347 S. Pulaski, Chicago, were shown to OLSHON and his reaction was that of recognition of this location as that to which he went with COVELLI on 1/19/59. He stated this realty office "doesn't ring a bell, it rings a gong"; however, he would not state positively that this was the place.

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As a matter of observation, OLSHON is emotional rather than cool in his considerations and could be over-anxious to vindicate his original statement concerning the trip to the real estate office. For the past several weeks OLSHON has been in close contact with COVELLI who is capable of convincing OLSHON that he was mistaken about the realty office or of persuading OLSHON that he has already furnished all the information the Government requires and should not further pinpoint information which might be traced only to COVELLI or OLSHON. In this regard COVELLI is of the belief that it is not known by any subjects or suspects in this case that he has made any statements. It is not known that this belief is incorrect.

It was observed that while OLSHON was viewing the photos of the Melchiorre Realty Company, COVELLI was restrained rather than anxious to see the photos. COVELLI's facial reaction to the mention of the Melchiorre Realty Company at the time the photos were handed to OLSHON could be described as one of concern and recognition. Upon being shown the photos COVELLI stated he had never seen the place.

Both OLSHON and COVELLI were informed that MARIO MELCHIORRE was shot down on 7/8/59, by two unidentified gunmen.

[redacted]
[redacted] In
view of this fact and the fact that the Melchiorre Realty Company approximates the description and the general location of the real estate office which [redacted] originally described, as set forth in Houston airtel to the Bureau, 10/3/59, it is suggested that Chicago attempt to obtain photos of [redacted] [redacted] for display to [redacted]

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Both [redacted] COVELLI are scheduled to be removed
[redacted]
[redacted]

The Dallas Office, upon receipt from Chicago of photos of MARIO MELCHIORRE, should display them to OLSHON and

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also display all the photos of the realty offices previously shown to OLSHON at FCI, Texarkana; OLSHON has requested to see those photos again.

On 11/2/59, AUSA [redacted] Houston, telephonically contacted AUSA [redacted] Chicago, and [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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A report containing the texts of the signed statements will be submitted by Houston promptly.

On 11/3/59, [redacted] was requestioned concerning knowledge of MARIO MELCHIORRE and he denied knowing MELCHIORRE or ever going to that realty office. He insisted he would not try to hide knowledge of such a contact if it happened stating [redacted]

[redacted] JIMMY ALLEGRETTI and CAESAR DI VARCO [redacted]
[redacted] COVELLI said that in view of the manner in which MELCHIORRE was disposed of it appeared to be the work of the "outfit" in Chicago but the cause of this gangland murder was completely unknown to him.

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ALLEGRETTI and DI VARCO. [redacted]

[redacted] if it happened, appears valid and logical and the Houston Office must accept [redacted] statements on this issue as representing their true beliefs.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office HOUSTON	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 11/19/59	Investigative Period 9/24 - 11/3/59
TITLE OF CASE GERALD COVELLI; JAMES ALLEGRETTI (True Name James Policheri) Aka.; [REDACTED] JACK CERONE; [REDACTED] JOSEPH VINCENT DI VARCO, Aka.; [REDACTED] Aka.; JOSEPH LISCIANDRELLO, Aka.		Report made by SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR	Typed By: gjlw
		CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY	b6 b7C

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/16/59
at Chicago.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

[REDACTED] through communication with his former [REDACTED] has ascertained that [REDACTED] of Chicago is reportedly associating with Attorneys [REDACTED] and JOSEPH "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO since his release on \$5,000.00 bond at Houston on June 29, 1959 in connection with the ITSMV ring case, "MAX OLSHON, Aka.; ET AL", Bufile 26-250440.

It is noted that [REDACTED] on interview at Chicago on August 26, 1959 in instant bribery matter, denied knowledge of bribery or that he saw COVELLI during the latter's TFIS trial in Chicago during January, 1959 or that he met with COVELLI, OLSHON [REDACTED] at a restaurant near State and Kinzie Streets,

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Chicago, during that time.

These denials by [redacted] are directly opposed to statements by COVELLI and OLSHON and it would appear [redacted] has been induced by [redacted] or members of the Chicago "outfit", which includes LISCIANDRELLO, not to cooperate with the Government in investigation of both the ITSMV and Bribery cases.

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On September 16, 1959 a motion filed by Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] at Houston was granted by U. S. District Judge JOE INGRAHAM for [redacted] the purpose of [redacted] of Chicago in connection with this bribery case.

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On September 22, through 25, 1959 AUSA [redacted] interviewed COVELLI and OLSHON at Houston and it was at this time that COVELLI feigned corroboration of OLSHON's statement that OLSHON and COVELLI took a car ride during the noon recess of the TFIS trial at Chicago on January 19, 1959 when OLSHON observed COVELLI apparently make payment of money to a man at a real estate office in Chicago. COVELLI claimed he contacted a [redacted] last name not recalled, on North Avenue in Chicago, for the purpose of implying to [redacted] that he had to pay a large sum of money to effect a bribery and hung jury in his TFIS trial, but that he actually made no such payment.

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COVELLI in a subsequent interview, and as set forth in his signed statement in this report, continues to state the possibility of a trip with OLSHON during the noon recess but claims such a trip would have been to either a Key Shop on the South side of Chicago or to see one JIM DE GEORGE at Dutch's Snack Shop, Blue Island and Roosevelt Street, Chicago. OLSHON continued to maintain the trip was to a real estate office on the West side of Chicago.

Explanation for the discrepancy in the statements of [REDACTED] is in effect as follows:

As the bribery currently stands COVELLI is guilty of misprision of the bribery but not committing an overt act ~~unless it was carrying the list~~ of jurors from Attorney [redacted] to JOSEPH DI VARCO. However, if COVELLI admitted making the bribe payment or furnishing the money for the payment, he would be wholly admitting guilt to the bribery.

In this regard it has been apparent in interviews of [redacted] that he is greatly

following:

On October 21, 1959, [redacted]
[redacted] with residence at [redacted]
[redacted] came to [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]

The above is pointed out to

On November 7, 1959 both COVELLI and OLSHON were removed from Houston by the U. S. Marshal's Office to the FCI, Texarkana, Texas, pending disposition of the

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of the ITSMV case at Houston, now scheduled for trial on January 4, 1960.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Chicago may desire to check the time required to drive from the Sterile Glass Company, State and Kinzie Streets, to the Melchiorre Real Estate Office, 347 South Pulaski Street, Chicago, and return, to determine if COVELLI and OLSHON could have made such a trip in 45 minutes.

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AUSA [] Chicago, has advised that the noon recess of trial on January 19, 1959 lasted from 12:05 PM to 1:30 PM.

A time table of the noon recess on January 19, 1959 might be as follows:

12:05 AM, Covelli leaves court.

12:15 PM, arrives at restaurant, State and Kinzie Streets.

12:25 PM, COVELLI and OLSHON leave restaurant for Sterile Glass Company, two doors away.

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12:35 PM, COVELLI and OLSHON leave Sterile Glass Company, drive to Melchiorre Real Estate Office, making 5 minute contact before returning to Sterile Glass Company at 1:20 PM.

1:20 PM, COVELLI and OLSHON leave Sterile Glass Company [] arriving in Federal Court at 1:30 PM.

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DALLAS: (INFORMATION):

A copy of this report is furnished the Dallas Office as it is anticipated the Chicago Office will request that photographs of MARIO MELCHIORRE be shown [redacted] to determine if

MELCHIORRE was the person [redacted]

[redacted]

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For the information of Dallas the Chicago Office has advised that MARIO MELCHIORRE, lawyer and real estate dealer, who operated the office at 347 South Pulaski Street, Chicago, was shot down on July 8, 1959 by two unidentified gunmen, who pulled him from his car.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Houston
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Report of: SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR Office: HOUSTON
Date: 11/19/59

File Number: Houston file (15-1492) Bureau file (15-38700)

Title: GERALD COVELLI; JAMES ALLEGRETTI;
[redacted] JACK CERONE;
[redacted]
JOSEPH VINCENT DI VARCO;
[redacted]

Character: JOSEPH LISCIANDRELLO

Synopsis: THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT; OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE; BRIBERY

[redacted] interviewed at
Houston, Texas, and furnished signed statements in
TFIS and Bribery aspects of this case. [redacted]
stated that [redacted] Cafe
Continental, Chicago, at time stolen whisky
found there, [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
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[redacted] JOSEPH "RUFFY" LISCIANDRELLO
and [redacted] having made arrangement
for [redacted] states
[redacted] in TFIS trial

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incontacts at Sterile Glass Company, Chicago,
[redacted]
[redacted] West side of Chicago where [redacted]
COVELLI [redacted] COVELLI
[redacted] on afternoon of same day as these
contacts [redacted] and

[redacted]
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[redacted]
[redacted] LISCIANDRELLO. [redacted] on viewing of photographs
of MELCHIORRE Real Estate Office, 347 Pulaski,
Chicago, stated he believed it is the same real
estate office where [redacted]
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] observed that the names of

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[REDACTED] At Sterile Glass Company [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] "CAESAR" DI VARCO,
who then made several phone calls in what
[REDACTED] noted was an apparent effort to determine

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then accompanied
[REDACTED] to the vicinity of the 700 Block of
Ridgeway or Lawndale Streets, Chicago, where
[REDACTED] said he had to see someone. Ten or
fifteen minutes later [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and then drove to
Elmwood Park, where [REDACTED] made another contact
believed [REDACTED] to be JACK GERONE. [REDACTED]
kept contact with DI VARCO and [REDACTED] during

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DI VARCO. LISCIANDRELLO
and JIMMY ALLEGRETTI; [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

Interviews of MAX OLSHON, who is awaiting disposition of Federal car theft charges at Houston, Texas, were conducted on the dates indicated and the

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[redacted]
November 2, 1959.

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who is Assistant U. S. Attorney at Houston, Texas, and to JAMES J. O'CONNOR, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I make can be used against me in a court of law. I also know I have the right to the services of an attorney. No threats or promises have been made to me to give this statement.

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"On March 17, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental at 44 E.
Walton, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted]
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[redacted] Cafe Continental
[redacted]
[redacted] GERALD COVELLI was known to me as the manager of the Cafe Continental at that time. When [redacted]
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[redacted] taxi to the Cafe Continental and had something to eat. After that I went with [redacted]
[redacted]

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"While [redacted]
phone call came to [redacted] about 2:30 pm from someone at the Cafe Continental. [redacted] hung up [redacted]
the authorities were at the Cafe and wanted him to come down to the Cafe immediately with the key to the liquor room; [redacted]
meant trouble because the place, meaning the cafe, [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] GERALD
COVELLI [redacted] Cafe Continental was being
raided: I don't know what COVELLI [redacted] but
[redacted] he was excited and in
a hurry.

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Cafe Continental and [redacted]
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"About 9:00 p.m. on 3/17/58 [redacted]
[redacted] who called the Cafe from the
FBI Office in Chicago. [redacted]
[redacted] FBI Office. So
[redacted] Cafe Continental and
[redacted] FBI Office.

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[redacted] FBI Office [redacted]
[redacted] asked the FBI Agent who was sitting with us
whether it would be ok [redacted] which
amounted to something more than [redacted] and the
[redacted] Cafe Continental [redacted]
[redacted] the FBI Agent permitted this [redacted]

[redacted] At one point while [redacted]
[redacted] when the FBI Agent's attention was drawn to
something else, [redacted]

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[redacted] he
said these or words of similar meaning which I know
meant that [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental. Ordinarily
[redacted] at the
cafe; food and wines were kept in the refrigerator.

[redacted] and the FBI Office about
9:30 pm on 3/17/58 and returned to the Cafe Continental
by taxi. [redacted]
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"It was about 10:30 pm on 3/17/58 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
in the Cafe Continental [REDACTED]

about

3:30 pm on 3/17/58 [REDACTED]

from the Cafe Continental [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"I have read this statement consisting of this and 5 other hand written pages. and Initialed each page & correction.

"This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection."

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"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witnesses:

[REDACTED] Asst. U. S. Attorney; Houston, Texas -

Nov. 2, 1959.

JAMES J. O'CONNOR, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Houston, Texas. November 2, 1959

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"I am _____ years of age, having been born on _____

have gone as far as the

at Chicago in the United States District Court wherein Gerald Covelli was charged with the possession of stolen whisky. I now make this new

used to live at 1718 West Winona Street, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] Gerald Coveilli who

"On approximately [redacted] I was in Houston, Texas, and from Houston took a plane on [redacted]

Covelli,		and others
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"On approximately January 17, 1959, I took a

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[redacted] Throughout January 18, 1959,
I remained at [redacted]
did not contact Gerald Covelli.

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"On Monday morning, [redacted]
[redacted] Covelli's house about [redacted]

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Gerald Covelli arrived at the house. A phone call
was received at the house [redacted] about
[redacted] and she stated it was from Gerald
Covelli [redacted]
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About [redacted]
drove to downtown Chicago in [redacted] 1957 Ford two-
door, blue or green and white in color, arriving
at State and Kenzie Streets about noon. As we
parked at State and Kinzie Streets. Gerald Covelli
arrived in a taxicab [redacted]
[redacted] restaurant which is located at State and
Kenzie Streets. [redacted]
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[redacted] were at a table together and also, at
another table were two Chicago Police Officers of
the Ato Theft Squad, [redacted] who
[redacted] Hertz Corporation. Covelli
[redacted] the restaurant and
Covelli [redacted] as he knew

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[redacted] and Covelli went to the
table where [redacted] and
[redacted] police
officers, [redacted] Covelli [redacted]
and to [redacted] I don't know how much he gave them but

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"After a few minutes in the restaurant
Covelli [redacted] restaurant

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to the Sterile Glass Company. The two police
officers and [redacted] the restaurant about
the same time and, as I recall, [redacted] and
[redacted] left a few minutes before Covelli
[redacted] recall I had a few words with
[redacted] and he told me he had to go have his
TV set repaired.

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"As Covelli [redacted]
Sterile Glass Company, I saw Joe DiVarco, whom
[redacted], on the
phone at the first desk inside the Sterile Glass
Company office; [redacted]
[redacted] who was standing at a second desk in the
same office. Covelli walked into the back room,
which is a stockroom at the Sterile Glass Company,

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[redacted]

"Covelli [redacted]

[redacted]
best of my recollection. [redacted] Covelli [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] I don't recall that 'Caesar' went into
the back room with Covelli [redacted] but Covelli
and [redacted] on returning to the front office stood
at 'Caesar's' desk and talked with him. [redacted]

[redacted] Caesar to Covelli to the effect 'Don't
worry. Everything will be all right'.

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"Covelli [redacted]

[redacted] Frank 'Hot Dog' Liscandrello's
1958 green Ford convertible, which was parked in

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"front of the Sterile Glass Company. It was approximately 12:35, or possibly 12:40 p.m., [redacted] drove away from the Sterile Glass Company and Covelli [redacted]

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[redacted] north on State Street, east on Ohio Street, south on Michigan Avenue to Wacker Drive and then west on Randolph Street. I believe [redacted] Randolph Street to Ogden and Washington Boulevard and I am quite certain [redacted] west on Washington Boulevard to the area of 35 to 4500 West and then turned, I am not sure whether it was left or right, onto a busy street and drove three or four blocks before Covelli parked the car about thirty-five or forty feet from the doorway of a real estate office. Covelli then went into the real estate office [redacted] in about a minute or two he stepped out into the doorway of the real estate office with a man about thirty-five to thirty-eight years of age, 5' 9-10", 170 to 190 pounds, clean-shaven with olive skin and dark hair; this man was well dressed in a blue suit with a light shirt and a dark tie; I don't remember having seen this man before. Covelli spoke with this man in the doorway of the real estate office for three or four minutes [redacted]

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Covelli then left this man, who reentered the real estate office and Covelli went into a tavern or a restaurant next door or two doors from the real estate office before returning to the car. When [redacted]

[redacted] The time consumed by Covelli at the real estate office and going into the tavern [redacted] was probably not more than five minutes.

"It is my recollection that the real estate office had a large plate glass window with the words 'Real Estate' written across the upper center and on one corner of the window were words which I believe were printed in gold on a red background,

"denoting a notary public, and on the other lower side of the window were words, believed painted in gold, pertaining to insurance. Above the plate glass window was an awning which I think had blue or green and white stripes and the street number was on each end of the trim of this awning and a long Italian name was printed across the center section of the trim.

[redacted] Sterile Glass Company and I am not sure of the route [redacted] though it may have been partly on Grand Avenue and [redacted] the Sterile Glass Company about forty-five or fifty minutes from the time [redacted] to the real estate office. Before [redacted] at the Sterile Glass Company and [redacted] Covelli

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"As Covelli parked Frank Lisciandrello's convertible, [redacted] Gerald Covelli [redacted] Cafe Continental in Chicago, had just pulled up in [redacted] Covelli asked [redacted] Federal Courthouse because he was late. So [redacted] Courthouse. I don't recall exactly when Covelli told me, that [redacted]

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Federal Building, that 'The worst I can get is a locked jury and it could be an acquittal.' I [redacted]

[redacted] I believe it was just a few minutes before 2:00 p.m., that Covelli [redacted] entered the courtroom and I recall the jurors were filing back into the jury box and that Assistant United States

"Attorney [redacted] and defense attorney [redacted] were standing before the Judge's Bench talking to the Judge. [redacted] two FBI Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] courtroom and after the jurors were seated [redacted]

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[redacted] juror; this juror looked about twenty-six to twenty-seven years of age and he wore a dark suit, white shirt, and blue -- purplish tie; he had a dark complexion and dark hair. I would [redacted]

[redacted] Covelli [redacted] that afternoon that the worst that he could get was a locked jury.

[redacted] there were no witnesses placed on the stand that afternoon, but that the Government and the defense counsel presented their arguments and the Judge charged the jury and told them they would be locked up until 10:00 o'clock that night and if they reached a verdict it should be sealed and would be presented at 10:00 o'clock the next morning.

"On leaving the courtroom, Covelli and attorney [redacted] spoke with one another in the corridor and [redacted] Covelli [redacted] they were together for about five minutes at the most [redacted] Then Covelli, [redacted] and [redacted] got on the elevator, [redacted] getting out on the fourth floor and Covelli [redacted] going to the ground floor. As Covelli [redacted] walked outside the courtroom building, [redacted] Covelli 'You don't have to tell me who the guy is,' meaning the fixed juror. [redacted] Covelli [redacted]

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"Covelli [redacted]
Dearborn Street and rode to State and Kinzie Streets.
It was about 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., [redacted]
to the Sterile Glass Company at State and Kinzie
Streets.

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[redacted] pulled up
in his car as we were entering the Sterile Glass
Company and Covelli went in while [redacted] called
[redacted]
Covelli, and [redacted]
[redacted] then went into the Sterile Glass
Company and as [redacted]
[redacted] for Covelli [redacted] Covelli [redacted]

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[redacted] Covelli
was talking to Joe 'Caesar' DiVarco and [redacted]
[redacted] Sterile Glass
Company at that time. [redacted] 'Caesar' and [redacted]
say to Covelli 'How did things go.' [redacted]
[redacted] Covelli
'You should know by 10:30 tonight' and told Covelli
to call him at the restaurant on Clark Street,
Chicago, which I think [redacted]

[redacted] Sterile Glass Company
and Covelli talked to [redacted] for about five
minutes [redacted] Then Covelli and
[redacted] took a cab and [redacted]
[redacted] and Covelli said he would call
me. I do not recall that anything more was said
about the whisky case trial [redacted]

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"At about 10:30 p.m., that night [redacted] Covelli
in the drugstore at the Maryland Hotel at Delaware
and Rush Streets, Chicago. Covelli made several
phone calls [redacted] and after making these
calls [redacted] or words to
that effect. By that I had learned that he had
a locked jury in his case.

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"Covelli [redacted] then went to the Cafe Continental [redacted]

[redacted] Covelli, [redacted] sat at a table in the back room of the cafe. Covelli made other phone calls in the Cafe Continental, but I do not know the nature of these calls. [redacted]

[redacted] went to the front section of the cafe where Jimmy Allegretti and [redacted] were sitting with a man and a blonde girl whom I did not know: Covelli also sat with them. I think the [redacted] who was trying to buy the Cafe Continental because [redacted] had [redacted] from Jimmy Allegretti.

[redacted] Covelli at Federal Court on the morning of January 20, 1959. Covelli was late arriving at the courthouse and [redacted]

[redacted] while Covelli went in and a short time later he came out and said it was a locked jury.

"Covelli [redacted] took a cab to the Sterile Glass Company. At the Sterile Glass Company [redacted] Covelli [redacted] Joe 'Caesar' DiVarco and with [redacted] Covelli [redacted]

[redacted] After about five or ten minutes at the Sterile Glass Company, Covelli and [redacted] took a taxi to the Walton Restaurant at Walton and Rush Streets, Chicago. Joe 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello was standing on the sidewalk there and [redacted] Covelli when Covelli told him 'Thanks for your help in the case,' or words to that effect and 'Ruffy' said 'Thank Skeets: he did all the work.' On several occasions [redacted]

[redacted] 'Caesar' DiVarco referred to as 'Skeets.' Covelli went into the Walton Restaurant [redacted] [redacted] 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello and [redacted] Covelli was talking to Jimmy Allegretti. When

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"Covelli came out of the restaurant, he [redacted] took a cab I believe to the Arcadia Theater on Randolph Street. [redacted] watched a gangster film. [redacted] the theater about 3:30 or 4:00 o'clock, [redacted] a cab and [redacted] where Covelli went from there.

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"I have read this statement and 6 other typewritten pages and initialed each page & corrections.

"This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. and recollection.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses:

/s/ [redacted], Asst. U.S. Attorney; Houston, Texas; Nov. 2, 1959
/s/ "James J. O'Connor. Special Agent, FBI. Houston, Texas, Nov. 2, 1959."

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On October 9, 1959 photographs of the area of Blue Island and Roosevelt Avenue, Chicago, which include Dutch's Snack Shop at that location were displayed to MAX OLSHON and he stated that while he thought he may have gone to that location with COVELLI on some occasion he did not believe it was the place to which he accompanied COVELLI during the noon recess of COVELLI's TFIS trial at Chicago on January 19, 1959.

On October 14, 1959, photographs of the Evangelista Realty Company, 3838 West Chicago Avenue and also photographs of JACK CERONE of Chicago, were shown to MAX OLSHON. He stated this was not the realty office to which he recalled making a trip with COVELLI during the noon recess of the TFIS trial on January 19, 1959 and he did not think CERONE was the person he saw contacted by COVELLI at that time.

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on 10/14, 9/59 at Houston, Texas Dictated: 10/14/59
by Special Agent SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR:gjw

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Photographs of the Melchiorre Realty Company, 347 South Pulaski Street, Chicago, were shown to MAX OLSHON and he stated he believed this was the realty office to which he travelled with COVELLI during the noon recess of the TFIS trial of COVELLI on January 19, 1959. He stated that he could not be positive from viewing the photos that this was definitely the same realty office.

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Interviews of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were conducted on the dates indicated and the two
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on November 2, 1959. The dates of interviews
were September 24, 25, 28 and 30, 1959 and October 14, 15, 16
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"I am [redacted] years of age, having been born on [redacted]
[redacted] I have been as far as the
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"About the first part of March, 1958, [redacted]
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same day [redacted] Note Lounge at 4100 Broadway, Chicago, [redacted] Joe "Ruffy" Lisciandrello. Ruffy told [redacted]
[redacted]

"At this time Ruffy [redacted] Silver Dome Lounge at 1100 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, was [redacted]
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[redacted] Silver Dome, [redacted] Ruffy [redacted]
[redacted] Silver Dome and [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] At this same time
Ruffy [redacted]

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[redacted] Ruffy said that
in order to make money out of the whisky [redacted]
[redacted] asked Ruffy if he had a
[redacted] Ruffy told [redacted]
[redacted] That is Ruffy's brother,
located on Chicago Avenue between Sedgwick Avenue and the
Montgomery Ward Store in Chicago.

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"It was about 4 or 5 days before the Silver Dome
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[redacted] Cafe Continental on Walton Street.
Chicago, and [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental. [redacted] Cafe about
[redacted] 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello. [redacted]
[redacted] were there; [redacted]

[redacted] the south
side of the Cafe Continental premises. [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe and [redacted]
[redacted] 'Ruffy's brother because
[redacted] Ruffy
[redacted] Cafe
the Cafe Continental [redacted] Furthermore
[redacted]
in the whisky. [redacted] and 'Ruffy' [redacted]

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to the Cafe Continental [redacted] and
[redacted] Cafe Continental. [redacted]
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where he brought the walsky from [redacted]

[redacted] Ruffy [redacted]

[redacted] I believe a case
was worth \$54 to \$50; I recall that the cases were made
up of half-pint bottles, forty-eight to a case, or twelve
quarts per case. [redacted] Ruffy [redacted]

"When Ruffy and [redacted] had left the Cafe [redacted]

cases of the [redacted]

[redacted] There
may have been more cases stored in the 'walk-in' cooler
[redacted] Cafe [redacted]

"About 3 days after seeing the whisky in the
Cafe Continental [redacted] and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello

[redacted] Silver Dome. We then had a discussion with
[redacted] Silver Dome and it was, I believe,
the next day that [redacted] Friendly
Loan Company at Crawford and Fifth Avenue in Chicago where
[redacted]
or the Silver Dome [redacted]

[redacted] the Silver Dome. [redacted]

[redacted] At this time [redacted]

[redacted] I had put
[redacted] 'Ruffy Lisciandrello had put
up three or four hundred dollars and [redacted]

[redacted] It was
about a week after [redacted] Silver Dome
that [redacted]

At the time of the opening the Silver Dome was stocked with

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"whisky that 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello had bought from a liquor supply house. Frank 'Hot Dog' Lisciandrello, a brother of Ruffy, was placed in charge of the Silver Dome to run it and to put in and control the 'B-girls' who were to work there.

[redacted] Silver Dome [redacted] and to my knowledge none of the Sunnybrook Whisky which [redacted] had available was in the Silver Dome at that time. [redacted] Silver Dome and Ruffy was there [redacted] 'how full the bottles were.'

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[redacted] Silver Dome. [redacted] cases at the Silver Dome [redacted]

Silver Dome. The Silver Dome was in operation under the partnership of Ruffy, [redacted]

[redacted] and he told me that the police or Alcohol Tax Agents were at the Cafe Continental and wanted him to go down to the cafe.

"About ten minutes after the phone call from [redacted]

saw strange faces in the Silver Dome. [redacted] that they were at the Cafe Continental too. [redacted] to [redacted]

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"Then [redacted] and said he was under arrest and that the police authorities at the cafe had found the Sunnybrook Whisky in the whisky room in the cafe. [redacted]

[redacted] and he said they wouldn't do business. [redacted] he would have to go to jail. [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] Silver Dome on Lawrence Avenue. [redacted]
that there were men inside [redacted] the drug store
on the corner of Wilson and Lawrence Avenues [redacted]
[redacted] Silver Dome. A man answered and [redacted]

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[redacted] Cafe Continental [redacted]
[redacted]

"From the drug store I tried to reach 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello and Jimmy Allegretti by telephone but could not contact them. I wanted to tell them what had happened and see if they could straighten it out. I had called Valentino's Restaurant at the Berkshire Hotel to contact Allegretti [redacted] at Valentino's [redacted] Allegretti for me. I then made a phone call in an attempt to contact my [redacted] at the Abbott Hotel, Chicago, but could not reach him; [redacted]

[redacted] I then called [redacted]

[redacted] I then drove to Valentino's in the Berkshire Hotel. [redacted]

[redacted] I went into Valentino's and obtained the key to the suite, which I think was [redacted] Berkshire Hotel and which was maintained by Jimmy Allegretti and his associates: the cashier in Valentino's gave me the key and [redacted]

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[redacted] and then came down to Valentino's. at which time Jimmy Allegretti, 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello, [redacted] Ross Prio and I believe Joe 'Caesar' DiVarco were present there. They were all aware of the raid that had taken place at the Cafe Continental and at the Silver Dome. Allegretti said that he would know in a couple of hours what could be done about it and that [redacted]
[redacted]

"I then made a few phone calls from the lobby of the Berkshire and contacted [redacted] Devonshire Hotel [redacted]

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"It was then about 7:30 or 8:00 p.m., that I went to the Devonshire after showering and cleaning up in the suite at the Berkshire and [redacted] and told him to get ready that we would [redacted]
I believe [redacted] rented the room in the Devonshire [redacted]
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"About this time, or possibly earlier, I had called [redacted]
in the parking lot at the Berkshire Hotel.

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"It was about 8:00 or 8:30 p.m., [redacted]
[redacted] in the lobby of the Devonshire Hotel and we went up to the room that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] to go down to the Coffee Shop of the hotel and bring us up some coffee and while [redacted]
which I had told him [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] Devonshire Hotel, [redacted] lobby of the hotel and told him [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] until about 3:00 a.m., on the day following the raid at the Cafe Continental and [redacted] 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello's house in the 3700 block of North Lakewood in Chicago. [redacted]
[redacted] Lisciandrello and he told me to [redacted]
Valentino's Restaurant. He had some business to take care of and [redacted] Grace and Broadway Streets about 4:30 or 5:00 a.m., and I walked around and had something to eat until 6:00 a.m., at which time I went to Valentino's Restaurant. Ruffy and Jimmy Allegetti were there and Allegetti stated [redacted]
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Allegetti didn't say

"who the person was that [redacted]
and I had some question in my mind that he could actually [redacted]
[redacted]
and he and Ruliv. would [redacted] I asked [redacted]
[redacted] and he told me that I
should get it from [redacted] He told
me that I should have the money by either 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.,
that evening and to meet him in Valentino's Restaurant at
that time. I then [redacted]
at State and Lake Streets, Chicago. [redacted]

orr at Valentino's Restaurant. This was about 11:00 a.m.,
 and at Valentino's [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 the Cafe Continental. [REDACTED]
 asked him how much the authorities knew about the case and
 whether they [REDACTED] He said that the
 FBI had questioned him concerning [REDACTED] Cafe
 Continental, but that they had not indicated they were trying

"I told [redacted] that I [redacted] by 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] He said he would meet me later that afternoon and he would [redacted]

came to Valentino's Restaurant and

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"That afternoon [redacted] at
which time [redacted]
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[redacted] We then drove to the [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental, [redacted]
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[redacted] but did not tell her the details
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[redacted] returned to
Valentino's Restaurant at about 5:00 p.m., on the day follow-
ing the location by police authorities of the Sunnybrook
Whisky at the Cafe Continental, and present in the rear
section of the restaurant were Jimmy Allegetti, 'Ruffy'
Lisciandrello, Ross Prio, [redacted] and Bill Gold.
I am not sure if Joe DiVarco was present or not. Bill Gold
operates the Rush Currency Exchange in Chicago. These
individuals were seated at a table and when [redacted]
[redacted] approached Allegetti asked [redacted]
[redacted]

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"It was about 6:00 p.m., when Allegetti got up
from the table and walked through the kitchen of Valentino's
Restaurant and out the rear of the hotel into the alley
which is situated there. [redacted]
and went through the lobby of the hotel in which Valentino's
is located to the rear of the hotel where there is a door-
way located at the alley and [redacted] Allegetti walking
down the alley to Wabash Street where a car was parked.
Allegetti approached this car and stood at the driver's
seat of the car less than a minute. [redacted]
[redacted]

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Although the street lights were bright, I could not
[redacted]
[redacted] When Allegetti turned to
come back to Valentino's Restaurant, [redacted] the hotel

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"lobby and bought some cigarettes before returning to the restaurant. Allegratti was then back at the table and he

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"That night about 8:00 or 9:00 p.m.,

in the Silver Dome and Cafe Continental. 'Ruffy Lisciandrello concerning the whisky case Ruffy told me he would inquire of Jimmy Allegratti but instead, Allegratti

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"Prior to the time that the Sunnybrook Whisky had been located by authorities, I had reason to try to locate Jimmy Allegratti and in the course of attempting to contact him I went to Ciro's Restaurant on Wabash and Chicago Avenues and also to the Front Page Club on Wabash and Grand Avenues, both of which are partly owned by Jimmy Allegratti.

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Ciro's. twenty or twenty-five cases of Sunnybrook Whisky; stolen Sunnybrook Whisky because the shape of the cases was that of the one half pint bottles that had been stored at the Cafe Continental

Also, in trying to locate Allegratti, approximately ten cases of the same whisky

on Rush Street, Chicago, and that fifty cases had been delivered to the Chez Paree Night Club.

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"Also, whose last name I believe may be Cafe Continental as of March, 1958, had told me that thirteen cases of the

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"stolen Sunnybrook Whisky from the Cafe Continental to the Flame Bar located on Broadway near Clark Street, Chicago, and also to the Silver Dome. He said [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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"No one told me where the whisky had been stolen and I did not learn who had actually stolen the Sunnybrook Whisky which was located by authorities in the Cafe Continental and Silver Dome in Chicago.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and seven other type written pages and have initialed each page and correction, this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection

"/s/ [REDACTED]

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"Witnesses:

[REDACTED] Asst. U. S. Attorney; Houston, Texas; Nov. 2, 1959
"James J. O'Connor, Special Agent, FBI, Houston, Texas, Nov. 2, 1959."

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"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] and to Special Agent James J. O'Connor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I do make can be used against me in a court of law. I also know that I may obtain the service of an attorney before or at the time of making any statement but I do not want an attorney. No threats or promises or inducements of any kind have been made to me to give a statement.

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"I am [redacted] years old, having been born on [redacted]
[redacted] I have gone as far
as the [redacted]

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[redacted] later postponed until
[redacted] and again postponed until [redacted]
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[redacted] the [redacted]
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"About a couple of weeks prior [redacted]
[redacted]
the Silver Dome Lounge at 1100 Lawrence Avenue,
Chicago, where some of the whisky in this case had
been found. [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Silver Dome
[redacted]
[redacted] Silver Dome. Actually, Frank 'Hot
Dog' Lisciandrello had [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] the Lincoln Hotel, Chicago, [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] told me to [redacted]
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and he also told me not [redacted]
He told me that [redacted]
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"It was within a day or two that [redacted]
[redacted] Frank Lisciandrello, go
to attorney [redacted] office, and she [redacted]
[redacted] Silver
Dome Lounge. I found out from [redacted] was
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] I recall that I went out to the
[redacted]
[redacted] at that time, and I spoke
to [redacted]
and told him that [redacted]
[redacted] so that he could inter-
view her concerning my case. I told [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] I arranged [redacted]
[redacted] would meet me at a restaurant in downtown
Chicago the next day [redacted] Attorney
[redacted] However, they did not show up,
and when I recontacted [redacted]
[redacted]

"During this same period of time, that is,
about two weeks before [redacted]
[redacted]
Silver Dome Lounge [redacted]
[redacted] Cafe Continental in Chicago and my
[redacted]
[redacted] office to explain [redacted]
[redacted]
Cafe Continental and the Silver Dome where the
whisky had been found by the Government agents.

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"About this same time I also told attorney
[redacted]
[redacted] have were [redacted]
Silver Dome Lounge, and a police sergeant from the

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"Thirty-fifth District in Chicago, and Frank
Lisciandrello.
the Silver Dome

The police sergeant could say that [redacted] Cafe Continental [redacted]

ALSO, I WAS

Frank Lisciandrello

Silver

Dome

"About two days before

"Also, a few days prior

Jimmy Allegretti, Caesar DiVarco and Joe 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello, all of [redacted]

DiVarco told me that

was one of the best attorneys in the business. Both DiVarco and Allegretti were interested in

the club

where it was found. Also, 'Ruffy" Lisciandrello had financial interests in the Silver Dome, the Flame Bar and the Cafe Continental where the whisky

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"was found. [redacted] stolen
whisky had been used in clubs owned by Jimmy
Allegretti and Caesar DiVarco, including the Front
Page, Ciro's, and the Walton Club. [redacted]
that Allegretti, DiVarco and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello

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[redacted]
"It was about two days before [redacted]
[redacted] at the Cafe
Continental talking with Caesar DiVarco and Jimmy
Allegretti, but I did not know what they talked
about. [redacted]
Cafe Continental, [redacted]
Allegretti, DiVarco and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello, I
had never seen [redacted] come to the Cafe
Continental.

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[redacted]
[redacted]
about [redacted] years of age, was chosen as a juror
and on questioning [redacted] stated that

[redacted]
[redacted] that I
did not think he should keep [redacted] on the jury
because [redacted]

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[redacted]
that he knew what he was doing, and that [redacted]
was a 'good man.' [redacted] decided
to keep [redacted] on the jury, [redacted]
[redacted] and the
outfit -- including Jimmy Allegretti, Caesar
DiVarco and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello -- [redacted]
[redacted]

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"I believe it was the [REDACTED]

about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] courtroom if he was sure he
knew what he was doing because I thought it was

Attorney [REDACTED] that
he knew what he was doing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were
the prospects. However, I didn't say anything more
to [REDACTED] or ask him what he had in mind

[REDACTED] Caesar [REDACTED]

"I knew that [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Sterile Glass Company at
State and Kinzie Streets, Chicago, where I knew
Caesar DiVarco could be located, and on the way [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] As I entered the Sterile Glass
Company, Caesar was on the phone and he motioned

[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Window Washing Company which [redacted]
[redacted] Sterile Glass Company. It
appeared [redacted]

[redacted]

was then that Caesar DiVarco came into the Window
Washing Company office [redacted]

[redacted] Caesar [redacted]
Caesar [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Caesar

[redacted]

"Caesar then [redacted]
on the phone. [redacted] and

Caesar talked to this party, but [redacted]

[redacted] After this
call, Caesar [redacted] to call the Chief of

[redacted] and find

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[redacted]
[redacted] After this call Caesar asked
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] said he did not know
and Caesar [redacted] Jimmy Allegretti as
Allegretti would probably know. [redacted] then made
a call, but I do not believe he reached Allegretti,
so Caesar made a few calls and I am not sure whether
he talked to Allegretti or not as [redacted]

[redacted] Caesar made these calls. Caesar
remarked that they had one week end to work on it.

"Caesar then [redacted]
left the building and said to [redacted]

[redacted] The name Jack
Cerone was mentioned and I assumed that he was one
of the persons they were going to call. Caesar
came back to the Sterile Glass Company about ten
minutes later and had some coffee and cookies with
him, so I concluded that he had gone to the Greek
restaurant located nearby at State and Kinzie
Streets. A couple of minutes later [redacted]
returned to the Sterile Glass Company and had a few
words with Caesar DiVarco. [redacted]

[redacted] Sterile Glass Company
[redacted]

[redacted] Caesar DiVarco or
[redacted] attorney
[redacted]

[redacted] however,

Caesar DiVarco knew [redacted]
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[redacted] I figured that DiVarco must have learned this by a phone call [redacted] the Sterial Glass Company [redacted] possibly he learned this information while he was on the phone [redacted] Sterile Glass Company that afternoon.

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[redacted] Sterile Glass Company, [redacted] Caesar DiVarco had taken and which was on DiVarco's desk [redacted] Just before leaving the Sterile Glass Company [redacted] Caesar DiVarco said that [redacted]

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[redacted] Sterile Glass Company. [redacted]

[redacted]
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the car while he went to see someone. [redacted]

[redacted]

"After [redacted]

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[redacted]
nice neighborhood. It was about 7:00 o'clock in
the evening [redacted] The
streets were covered with slushy snow. [redacted]
[redacted] he then walked to the
house next to the one in front of which [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
was the residence of Jack Cerone because of the
mention of Cerone's name [redacted] Sterile
Glass Company [redacted]
[redacted] Cerone
at his home in Elmwood Park [redacted]
[redacted] I did not learn [redacted]
[redacted] in Elmwood Park
and did not ask him because I know that in dealing
[redacted] DiVarco you don't
ask questions out of curiosity.

"I don't know what position Jack Cerone holds
in Chicago, although [redacted]
[redacted] and also connections with people such
as Jimmy Allegetti and thought that he possibly

[redacted]
"I also know that Jack Cerone [redacted]
[redacted]

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"From this stop in Elmwood Park [redacted]

[redacted] Jack Cerone, [redacted]
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"When I arrived home that night about 8:00 p.m.,
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Caesar
DiVarco [redacted] Sterile Glass
Company. [redacted] Caesar [redacted]

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[redacted] attorney [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Caesar DiVarco that afternoon and
[redacted]
[redacted] one in the neighborhood of
Chicago Avenue and Ridgeway Street, Chicago, and
the other in Elmwood Park, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

"The next day, Friday morning, [redacted]
Sterile Glass Company [redacted]
[redacted] was at the Sterile Glass and [redacted]
[redacted]

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"From Sterile Glass Company [redacted]
Shortly after trial resumed that Friday morning my

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
to the Stevenson Building where the jewelry merchants
are located, [redacted]
[redacted]

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"That afternoon the trial resumed and continued
until about 4:30 p.m., at which time it was recessed
until the following Monday. [redacted]
the Sterile Glass Company, [redacted] both

[redacted] and Caesar DiVarco were at Sterile Glass. [redacted]

[redacted] Caesar [redacted]

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[redacted] I believe [redacted] Frank 'Hot Dog'
Lisciandrello [redacted]
[redacted]

which was sold by the Sterile Glass Company. [redacted]
then returned to the Sterile Glass Company where 'Hot
Dog' picked up [redacted] and he then
[redacted] Cafe Continental on Walton Street,
Chicago.

"At the Cafe Continental [redacted]
[redacted]
cafe [redacted] Jimmy Allegetti and
Caesar DiVarco. I am quite certain it was this
same evening [redacted]

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[redacted] who was in the Cafe Continental with a young woman whom I do not know. [redacted]

[redacted] been given for the drinks that were served to him.

[redacted] cafe that Friday night

[redacted] Cafe Continental.

I also let [redacted]

[redacted] Jimmy Allegretti, Caesar DiVarco and 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello, all of whom had financial interests in the Cafe Continental which [redacted]

[redacted] cafe Continental that Friday evening [redacted] 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello who was at the Walton Club across the street from the Cafe Continental. 'Ruffy' also

[redacted] and Caesar DiVarco [redacted]

[redacted] Cafe continental that night [redacted] arriving there about 8:30 p.m. [redacted]

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"The reason I could [redacted]
was that [redacted]
'Ruffy' Lisciandrello and Jimmy Allegretti [redacted]
[redacted]

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"The next day, Saturday, [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Saturday,
which was January 17, 1959, and he was there the
greater part of the day. [redacted]
[redacted]

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"On Sunday, January 18, 1959, [redacted]
[redacted] and do not recall that I made any calls
or contacts [redacted]
[redacted]
during the day on Sunday and we talked a while,
though, [redacted]
[redacted]

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"On Monday morning, January 19, 1959, before
[redacted] at State and
Kinzie Streets, Chicago, [redacted]
[redacted] After having coffee and rolls at
the restaurant at Kinzie and State Streets [redacted]
[redacted] Sterile Glass Company and
[redacted]

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"From the Sterile Glass Company [redacted]

[redacted] and left me there.

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[redacted] on that Monday morning, [redacted] and she told me that

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[redacted] nor did

I say anything to him about [redacted]

[redacted] He told me the

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[redacted] restaurant

at Kinzie and State Streets [redacted]

[redacted] Bank of America [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] as he became involved in conversation
[redacted] Chicago
Automobile Theft Squad and some other individuals
[redacted]

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[redacted] were also at the
restaurant when I arrived there shortly after noon
and they left [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] Sterile Glass Company.
At the Sterile Glass Company [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Caesar
DiVarco [redacted]
[redacted] Caesar was
on the phone [redacted]
[redacted] Sterile
Glass Company where Frank 'Hot Dog' Lisciandrello
was working. [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] Caesar
DiVarco's [redacted] was with me in the rear
room at this time but may have gone out to the
front office of Sterile Glass at the time Caesar
DiVarco came into the rear room. [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] on that morning [redacted]
[redacted]

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"It was then that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Frank 'Hot

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Dog' Lisciandrello had and [redacted]
[redacted]

I do not recall whether the car was 'Hot Dog's' personal 1958 Convertible Ford, dark green in color, or whether it was a Hertz Rent-A-Car being used at that time by 'Hot Dog'; the Rent-A-Car which had been used by 'Hot Dog' was a 1957 or 1958 Ford four-door, blue in color.

[redacted]
location of the Sterile Glass Company and [redacted]
[redacted]

I think it may have been at this time that [redacted] located on State or Wabash Streets [redacted] north of Twenty-second Street in Chicago in order [redacted]

It is possible that [redacted]
[redacted]

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Dutch's Snack Bar located on Roosevelt Avenue near the corner of Blue Island Avenue in Chicago. [redacted]

[redacted] 'Big Jim' DeGeorge [redacted]
[redacted]

DeGeorge had previously [redacted]
[redacted]

I knew that DeGeorge could be reached at Dutch's Snack Bar each Monday and Tuesday inasmuch as he goes there to see [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Dutch's Snack Bar.

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[redacted] Sterile
Glass Company and parked the car there and immedi-
ately [redacted]

[redacted] It was during this noon recess
[redacted]

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[redacted] courtroom that afternoon
[redacted] afternoon session.

The case was concluded on that afternoon, United
States Attorney [redacted] and attorney [redacted] making
their closing arguments and the Judge instructing
the jury. The Judge instructed that when the jury
reached a verdict the verdict should be sealed and
it would be read the following morning in court at
10:00 o'clock. [redacted]

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[redacted] attorney [redacted]
after a few minutes we talked in the corridor by
the courtroom and [redacted]

[redacted] who had
already locked the jury in the jury room. He
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] at the Cart
Restaurant. [redacted]
courthouse and walked for a few blocks [redacted]
[redacted] Sterile Glass Company. While we
walked, [redacted]

[redacted]
Sterile Glass Company [redacted]
[redacted]

"When we arrived at Sterile Glass, [redacted]
[redacted] pulled up and [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Bank of America [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] attorney [redacted]
[redacted]

"In the Sterile Glass Company [redacted]
[redacted]
at the snack Shop at Clark and Grand Streets,
Chicago, [redacted]
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"Caesar DiVarco also was at the Sterile Glass Company at this time and [redacted] and he said he would be around the street, meaning around Rush Street. [redacted] Caesar that night [redacted]

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"From the Sterile Glass Company [redacted]

[redacted] then took a cab and [redacted]

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"That night about 10:00 o'clock [redacted]

[redacted] in the Maryland Hotel, Chicago,

[redacted] but could not reach him, and to others whom I don't recall.

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"It was about 11:00 o'clock that night, Monday,

[redacted] to the Cafe Continental on Walton Street. At this time I saw 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello who was standing by the Walton Club [redacted] I told [redacted] attorney [redacted]

[redacted] 'Ruffy'

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"I then went into the Cafe Continental where [redacted] had already gone while I talked to 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello. In the cafe [redacted]

[redacted] who had arrived there, [redacted]

[redacted] Cart Restaurant [redacted]

[redacted] from the Cafe Continental to the Cart Restaurant, [redacted]

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[redacted] I then left
the Cafe Continental [redacted] 'Hot Dog'
Lisciandrello's [redacted] which had been parked on the
street by the cafe.

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[redacted] Cart Restaurant
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"The next morning [redacted]
'Hot Dog' Lisciandrello's [redacted] I ran into heavy
traffic on the Outer Drive with the result that I

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[redacted] I asked
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] Sterile Glass Company [redacted]
Caesar DiVarco [redacted]
[redacted] Caesar [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] as were 'Hot Dog' Lisciandrello
[redacted]
[redacted] 'Hot Dog'
Lisciandrello [redacted]
they had nothing to do with it.

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"After about a half hour at the Sterile Glass Company, during which time I also told Caesar DiVarco that [redacted]

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[redacted] Cafe Continental, [redacted]
[redacted] took a cab over to the Cafe Continental. On leaving, Caesar [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] arrived at the Cafe Continental, I saw 'Ruffy' Lisciandrello at the Walton Club [redacted]
[redacted] 'Skeets' as [redacted]
[redacted] 'Skeets' is the name by which 'Ruffy' refers to Caesar DiVarco. As I was talking to 'Ruffy', Jimmy Allegretti pulled up in a white Lincoln and went into the Walton Club. [redacted]

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[redacted] 'Skeets' [redacted]
[redacted] I mentioned to Allegretti the possibility of [redacted] Cafe Continental and [redacted]
[redacted] 'Skeets'.

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[redacted] to Loeber Motors,
1111 North Clark Street concerning some work to be
[redacted] I believe
[redacted] in down-
town Chicago after which [redacted]

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"Later that night [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

also talked about the [redacted]
[redacted] were then involved in at that
time. [redacted]

[redacted] restaurant at
State and Kinzie Streets the previous day and told
[redacted] Caesar
DiVarco [redacted]

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Actually, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Caesar DiVarco.

Actually, [redacted] Caesar DiVarco [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

"No further discussion [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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or it.

"I have read this statement consisting of this
and fourteen other type written pages and have
initialed each page and correction. This is true

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"and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

"/s/

[Redacted Signature]

"Witnesses:

/s/ [Redacted Signature] Asst. U.S. Attorney;
Houston, Texas; Nov. 2, 1959.
/s/ James J. O'Connor, Special Agent, FBI,
Houston, Texas. November 2, 1959."

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date: 10/14/59

On October 9, 1959, photographs of the area of Blue Island and Roosevelt Avenue, Chicago, which include Dutch's Snack Shop at that location were shown to GERALD COVELLI and he stated he is not sure that Dutch's Snack Shop is the place to which he drove MAX OLSHON during the noon recess of his trial on January 19, 1959.

On October 14, 1959, photographs of the Evangelista Realty Company, 3838 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, and of JACK CERONE of Chicago, were shown to GERALD COVELLI and he stated he did not believe he had ever seen the Evangelista Realty Company; he said he recognized photographs of CERONE as an individual he knew in Chicago, but denied that he contacted him in this bribery case.

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on 10/9 & 14/59 at Houston, Texas Dictated: 10/14/59
by Special Agent SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR:gjw

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date/ 11/3/59

Photographs of the Melchiorre Realty Company, 347 South Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois, were shown to GERALD COVELLI and he stated he had never been to nor seen that place of business. He stated he was not acquainted with MARIO MELCHIORRE, who operated that real estate office.

Interview with GERALD COVELLI File # HO 15-1492
on 11/2/59 at Houston, Texas Dictated: 11/3/59
by Special Agent JAMES J. O'CONNOR:gjw

DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: Identification Division

12/8/59

SAC, HOUSTON (32-9)

GERALD JOSEPH COVELLI, Aka.,
Gerald John Covelli, Gerald Peter
Covelli, Gerald Cavelli, GERAL J.
Covelli, Joe Rosen;
SINGLE FINGERPRINT FILE

Re: Houston letter to Bureau. dated 9/25/59.

COVELLI is presently confined to FCI, Texarkana, Texas, pending disposition at Houston of indictment charging him with ITSMV-Conspiracy. He is also under indictment at Chicago, Illinois, for TFIS and Bribery, and at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for Impersonation of an FBI Agent. He has an extensive arrest record under FBI # 1 995 290 including sentences for armed robbery at Chicago, Illinois, in 1941, 1946, and 1949.

In the course of interviews by the Houston Office, he has admitted a lifetime of burglary and jewel theivery. Although faced with impending sentences on the above mentioned indictments, it is believed COVELLI is capable of committing escape and of reversion to burglary.

Description of COVELLI is as follows:

Born:	1/8/22, Chicago, Illinois
Height:	6'4"
Weight:	200 lbs.
Hair:	Black, graying
Eyes:	Brown

One front and one side view photo of COVELLI, taken on 2/6/59 are enclosed to the Bureau. Palm prints of COVELLI taken at the time of his arrest by FBI, Houston, 2/6/59, were submitted to the Identification Division, Attention: Latent Fingerprint Section, by letter dated 2/10/59 in "MAX OLSHON Aka., ET AL: ITSMV, CONSPIRACY. IMPERSONATION", OO: Houston, Bufile 26-250440.

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COVELLI stated that in committing jewel thefts, he has always used handkerchiefs in handling doorknobs, touching articles, etc.

It is suggested that COVELLI be considered for inclusion in the Single Fingerprint File at the Bureau.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

from
TO : SAC, *Chie*

(Your file *15-12343*)DATE: *12/22/59*

to
FROM : Director, FBI

(Bufile and serial *15-23700*)

SUBJECT:

*Gerald Conelli - et al*Office of Origin: *Chie**TRIS; C.S.; Barbary*

1. () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. _____

Report submitted *12-29-59*

Report will be submitted _____

Reason for delay _____

2. (X) Advise Bureau re status of this case. *No trial date set, AUSA, CG, undecided as to whom he will indict and prosecute.*
3. (X) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
4. () Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (47-4686)

11/23/61

SAC, PITTSBURGH (47-2584)

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GERALD C. COVELLI, aka.
IMPERSONATION
(OO: PITTSBURGH)

GERALD C. COVELLI

Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 8/15/61.

A review of this file has disclosed that there is at the present time no investigation pending in the Pittsburgh Division.

This case is therefore being contained in a pending inactive status until 2/22/62, UACB.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 12/29/59	Investigative Period 10/26 - 12/17/59
TITLE OF CASE GERALD COVELLI; ET AL		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	Typed b6 m.j b7c
		CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BRIBERY	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA dated 10/16/59 at Chicago.

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By letter dated December 7, 1959, to AUSA Chicago, Illinois, his prosecutive opinion rendered December 7, 1959, was confirmed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Description of JAMES DE GEORGE set forth in this report was obtained from report of SA CURTIS A. HESTER, Chicago, dated January 6, 1956, captioned "CARL AUSTIN HALL, wa., Deceased; ET AL; ROBERT COSGROVE GREENLEASE, Jr., aka. - VICTIM, deceased; KIDNAPPING; EXTORTION; PERJURY", Chicago file 39-112, Bureau file 7-6920.

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LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will maintain contact with AUSA [REDACTED]
regarding his further prosecutive opinion on the bribery
and theft from interstate shipment violations and
will follow prosecution in U.S. District Court.

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THE HOUSTON DIVISION

One copy is designated for Houston and USA,
Houston, for their information inasmuch as Houston is
delaying sentencing of OLSHON and COVELLI on case captioned
"MAX OLSHON, aka; ET AL, ITSMV; CONSPIRACY; IMPERSONATION"
until they testify in this bribery case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: 1 - USA, Chicago
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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: CHICAGO

Date:

12/29/59

File Number:

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BU 15-38700

Title:

GERALD COVELLI;
ET AL

Character:

THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
BRIBERY

Synopsis:

MAX OLSHON unable to identify MARIO MELCHIORE as the person to whom COVELLI paid bribe. He stated Melchiorre Realty Company, from review of photos, was familiar but could not place it definitely as the place where the "payoff" was made. List of all Chicago realtors was displayed to OLSHON but he could not identify the one where "payoff" was made. [REDACTED] displayed hostile attitude and refused to discuss activities. [REDACTED] denied knowledge of bribery or stolen whiskey and denied knowledge of subjects. No trial date set for bribery case or theft from interstate shipment retrial.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 10/29/59

[redacted]
[redacted] refused to answer
any questions about the stolen whiskey which was in
the Flame Tavern, [redacted] or about
her associates or activities. She expressed a very
hostile attitude.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 15-12843
on 10/21/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 10/26/59
by Special Agent S [redacted] and [redacted] amk

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 5, 1959

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] advised she
[redacted] Cafe Continental, Chicago, as a
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the Cafe Continental, [redacted]

[redacted] She declared that at the Cafe Continental
she never took photographs of patrons, nor did she ever
see photographs taken. She never heard of stolen
whiskey or a bribery being discussed.

[redacted] stated she does not know and never
heard of JAMES ALLEGRETTI, GERALD COVELLI, JOSEPH DI
VARCO, [redacted] or JACK CERONE.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 15-12848
on 10/28/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 10/30/59
by Special Agent^s [redacted] and [redacted] /jrme

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 24, 1959

[] Hertz Rent-A-Car Corporation,
9 West Kinzie, Chicago, Illinois, advised he recalled
seeing MAX OLSHON and GERALD COVELLI at "John's"
Restaurant on State Street on the northeast corner
of State and Kinzie, Chicago, not too many days before
a car was rented to one [] His records
reflect the rental was on January 28, 1959. He could not
place the exact date but it could have been a week or ten
days prior to the rental, or possibly after the rental.

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Interview with [] File # 15-12848
on 11/17/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 11/19/59
by Special Agent [] mjt

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The Chicago Division on October 23, 1959, forwarded to Houston a list of all names of real estate offices appearing in the Chicago classified telephone directory with the request that it be exhibited to MAX OLSON to determine if any of the names seemed familiar to that of the office visited by COVELLI on January 19, 1959.

On November 3, 1959, the Houston Division advised that a review of the names of the real estate offices was made by MAX OLSON, however he could not identify from the names the realty office to which he believed he traveled with COVELLI during the noon recess of COVELLI's theft from interstate shipment trial on January 19, 1959.

It was noted by SA [redacted] that there was no real estate office in the vicinity of 2137 South Wabash, Chicago, which is the office of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 17, 1959

[redacted] residence [redacted]
[redacted] dba [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed on November 21, 1959.
[redacted] has been in aforementioned business approximately
[redacted] years and is presently in [redacted]
[redacted] is white, male, age 38, 5' 10" in height,
and 170 pounds.

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[redacted] stated that he is [redacted]
is [redacted] years of age, date of birth [redacted] at
[redacted] and admits to no arrest. He is white,
male, with black wavy hair, receding, wears black horn
rimmed glasses, 5' 4" in height, and 130 pounds.

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He stated emphatically that he has never made
a set of code 64 master keys used for GMC cars for any
individual. He advised that he retains a set of these
keys on the premises, however, has never "loaned them out".
They are presently loose in a wooden box. He went on
to say that he had received several inquiries over the
years from various garages and gas stations for a set
of this type of key, however, has never complied with
these requests.

He noted that at the present time it would be
very easy for any individual to obtain a Curtis Key Gun
and with that keys could be gotten for any GMC car.
He stated that this would be better than a set of code
64 keys.

[redacted] stated that he was the only locksmith in
the area of State and Wabash and 22nd Street.

He stated that GERALD COVELLI was completely
unknown to him as was [redacted] and OLSON.
Several photographs were displayed to [redacted] of
subjects in this investigation and none were identified
by [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he served in the Armed Forces
from [redacted] receiving an honorable discharge,
Army Serial Number [redacted]

Interview with [redacted] File # 15-12848
on 11/12/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 11/16/59
by Special Agent [redacted] /mjt

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Chicago files reflect that JAMES DE GEORGE is white, male, age 60, 5' 8", 230 pounds, brown eyes and brown hair. It is noted that MAX OLSHON described the person he witnessed receiving money at the real estate office from COVELLI as younger, taller and more slender than DE GEORGE, that person being described by OLSHON as age 35 to 38, 5' 9" to 5' 10", 170 to 190 pounds. It is further noted the only real estate office in the vicinity of Dutch's Snack Shop, Roosevelt Road and Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, which snack shop COVELLI believes he might have visited during the trial recess, is N. Orloff and Sons Real Estate, 1223 South Blue Island Avenue, one block south of Dutch's Snack Shop. This real estate office does not meet the description of the one described by OLSHON as it has no awning, has no lettering on the window denoting a notary public, it is a three story rather than two story and it has no long Italian name. Therefore it is noted neither DE GEORGE nor the real estate office meet the descriptions furnished by OLSHON. Further more OLSHON states he and COVELLI during the trial went to an area of 3500 to 4500 west in Chicago where as Dutch's Snack Shop is only 1000 west.

The "Chicago Tribune" newspaper dated July 9, 1959, stated that MARIO MELCHIORE, age 36 of 2104 South Euclid Avenue, Berwyn, a real estate operator and attorney, on July 8, 1959, was pulled from his car by two assassins and murdered with shotguns. He apparently had just left his real estate office. The article stated that witness saw a yellow convertible double parked car at scene of the shooting but did not know if it was there at the time of the shooting.

The "Chicago Daily News" newspaper on July 10, 1959, stated that Captain HAROLD ENRIGHT, Filmore District, Chicago Police Department, stated he believed MELCHIORE's death was brought about by his practice of buying homes from white people for resale to Negroes at huge profits.

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[redacted]
[redacted] MARIO MELCHIORE, on November 16, 1959, related that she knew of no suspects being developed in the killing [redacted]. She could not recognize any of the names or photographs of subjects in this case.

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[redacted] furnished one photograph of MARIO MELCHIORE and one group photograph of MARIO MELCHIORE, with [redacted] which photographs were forwarded by the Chicago Division November 19, 1959, to the Dallas Division to be exhibited to MAX OLSHON at the Federal Correctional Institute, Texarkana, Texas. She pointed out that MARIO spelled his last name with one "r" whereas the rest of the family and the real estate office spelled it with two "r's".

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On November 16, 1959, [redacted]
[redacted] MARIO MELCHIORE, [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] MARIO MELCHIORE, were interviewed at the Melchiorre Real Estate Office, 347 South Pulaski, Chicago, at which time they declared subjects of this case were unknown to them by names or photographs. They knew of no suspects in the killing. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] was a "shady" real estate, who might have been involved with hoodlums. He described the victim as white, male, age 36, 5' 7" to 5' 8", 150 to 160 pounds, with brown hair.

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A check of the [redacted] Real Estate Agency, [redacted] November 25, 1959, revealed it is on the Congress Expressway and does not meet the description of the realty office as furnished by OLSHON.

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The Houston Division on November 3, 1959, related that on November 3, 1959, GERALD COVELLI was requestioned concerning his knowledge of MARIO MELCHIORE

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and he denied knowing MELCHIORE or ever going to that realty office. He insisted he would not try to hide knowledge of such a contact if it happened stating it would be foolish for him to do so when he has already named JIMMY ALLEGRETTI and CAESAR DI VARCO in his bribery statement.

The Dallas Division on November 30, 1959, related that photographs of MARIO MELCHIORE were exhibited to MAX OLSHON at the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, with other photographs on November 23, 1959, OLSHON was unable to identify MELCHIORE as the person to whom the bribe was paid. He examined the different photographs of the realty office of MELCHIORE and said that it was familiar but he could not place it definitely as the place where the "payoff" was made. He again advised SA [redacted] who conducted the interview that he felt he could identify the "payoff" spot if he was ever able to physically observe the same.

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A check of streets west of 2400 west, Chicago, revealed no real estate office similar to that described by OLSHON other than the Evangelista Real Estate Office and Melchiorre Real Estate Office, photographs of which were exhibited to OLSHON.

The Milwaukee Division on November 17, 1959, furnished the following information:

Chief Deputy [redacted] (NA), Sheriff's Office, Walworth County, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., on November 2, 1959, that he made discreet contact of [redacted] Miami Bar. [redacted] regarding presence of [redacted] at [redacted] the Miami Bar on July 25, 1959, and also inquired whether JOSEPH "CAESAR" DI VARCO of Chicago, Illinois,

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was also there on July 25, 26, 1959. [redacted] stated that [redacted] DI VARCO through [redacted] in the past several years [redacted] and definitely DI VARCO has not been seen in Delavan, Wisconsin, for a considerable time, and he was not at the Miami Bar as of July 25, 26, 1959, nor could she recall the identity of any other Chicago hoodlums as having been in the Miami Bar during this pertinent period.

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On November 9, 1959, in United States District Court, Chicago, arguments on motions before United States District Judge SAM PERRY were continued to November 17, 1959. On November 17, 1959, arguments on motions and the setting of a trial date were continued generally and no date was set. One of the motions of defense council [redacted] who represents [redacted] was to have the trial of [redacted] severed. This motion was not argued because of the possibility a superseding indictment may be obtained charging COVELLI and the [redacted] with bribery and conspiracy which would necessitate their being tried together. Arraignment of COVELLI was postponed inasmuch as he is presently in the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, awaiting sentencing in Houston, Texas, for interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicle.

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On December 7, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chicago, declared a final decision had not been reached but at that point he thought that bribery prosecution would be had only against [redacted] and GERALD COVELLI, and the other subjects would probably not be prosecuted for bribery due to lack of corroboration of statements made by OLSHON and COVELLI. He stated a superseding indictment may be obtained charging COVELLI and the [redacted] with bribery conspiracy. He further stated no date tentative or otherwise has been set for the bribery trial or theft from interstate shipment retrial, however, he is studying the possibility of indicting additional individuals in the theft from interstate shipment case.

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Date: 1/26/60

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (26-250440)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (26-8350)
SUBJECT: MAX OLSHON, Aka; ET AL
ITSMV; CONSPIRACY; IMPERSONATION
(OO: HOUSTON)

RE: Bureau teletype 1/23/60.

By letter dated 1/5/60, the Houston Office furnished the U. S. Attorney, Houston, a total of 89 SF-64's and FD-302's reflecting testimony of witnesses, subjects and agents as developed in this case at Houston. In that regard it was pointed out that numerous other items of possible evidentiary value were delivered to the custody of U. S. Marshal, Houston, on July 30, 1959, and that on January 4, 1960, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] advised he had reviewed the material in possession of the U. S. Marshal. Also, in the same regard it was pointed out to the U. S. Attorney that to reveal the location of confidential serial numbers on cars would be detrimental to future auto theft investigations and it was suggested that consideration be given to concealing the exact location of these numbers. There was nothing relating to CI's or criminal investigative techniques in the material furnished to the U. S. Attorney.

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By letter dated 1/12/60, the U. S. Attorney was furnished 6 additional original copies of FD-302's received by the Houston Office from the St. Louis, Denver, and Springfield Offices, reflecting testimony of other witnesses. No informant consideration or confidential investigative technique was involved in those FD-302's.

No SF-64's or FD-302's in the case entitled "GERALD COVELLI; ET AL; TFIS; OOJ-BRIBERY (Bufile 15-38700, Chicago file 15-12848) had been delivered to the U. S. Attorney since they were not considered related to captioned case. On 1/11/60, U. S. District Judge JOE INGRAHAM, Houston, following the direct examination of GERALD COVELLI and upon the defense invoking the Jencks decision ordered the Government to tender to the court all of the statements of COVELLI. Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] interpreted this to mean all statements whatsoever; he then obtained from his office, the bribery case statements of COVELLI as contained in Houston report of November 19, 1960 (Bufile 15-38700) and various other material. Judge INGRAHAM reviewed these Government tenders and on January 12, 1960, denied delivery to the defense of all tenders except those which were part of captioned ITSMV case and with the exception of the second and last paragraphs on page 43 and the first paragraph on page 44 of COVELLI's statement as contained in Houston report of November 19, 1960, and also except for 4 pages from a transcript of interview of COVELLI by Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] of Chicago at Houston in September, 1959. b6 b7C

On January 18, 1960, following the direct examination of MAX OLSHON the defense again invoked the Jencks law and U.S. District Judge ordered the Government to tender all statements of OLSHON. Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] obtained from his office, in addition to the interview forms of OLSHON in captioned case, the statements of OLSHON in the bribery case (Bufile 15-38700); these were the 2 statements found on pages 4-6 and 7-15 in Houston report dated November 19, 1959. Also, the original FD-302 of OLSHON in the case entitled [redacted] Aka., ET AL; ITSMV; ITSP" (Bufile 26-242764, Chicago file 26-28810) as set out on pages 2-13 of Houston report dated June 26, 1959, had been given to Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] at noon on January 18, 1960, inasmuch as he expressed need for it, anticipating demand of the defense, and inasmuch b6 b7C

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as he did not have any report in the [] case although he knew OLSHON had been interviewed concerning [] at Houston. Also anticipating that the court would demand all statements of OLSHON, the Houston Office, at the time of furnishing Assistant U. S. Attorney [] with the FD-302 in the [] case, also furnished the FD-302 containing OLSHON's signed statement as found in pages 2-5 in Houston report dated July 2, 1959, in Bufile 15-38700, because the Assistant U. S. Attorney had not received copy of that report although the later statement by OLSHON in that same bribery case referred to this previous statement.

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On January 18, 1960, following the court's instruction, Assistant U. S. Attorney [] tendered all statements of OLSHON including the above mentioned statements in the bribery case and the [] interview. Judge INGRAHAM overruled the Assistant U. S. Attorney's objections to the delivery of the bribery case and [] case interviews on the grounds that they did not pertain to the case in trial and he ordered these statements delivered to the defense. These were the signed statements of OLSHON in the bribery case as reflected on pages 2-5 and on pages 7-15 in Houston reports dated July 2, 1959, and November 19, 1959, respectively. The statement of OLSHON on the TFIS phase of that case, as distinguished from the bribery phase and as reflected on pages 4-6 of Houston report dated November 19, 1959, (Bufile 15-38700) was not delivered to the defense but sealed by the court for review in the event of appeal to the appellate court. The [] case FD-302 was also delivered to the defense by the court.

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On January 18, 1960, when the FD-302's reflecting OLSHON's interview in the [] case and also his first signed statement in the bribery case were furnished to Assistant U. S. Attorney [] he stated that he would object to the delivery of these items and the other statements of OLSHON in the bribery case to the defense. He did so object but was overruled by the court with the explanation that there were references in these statements to matters related to the case in trial and it would be difficult to separate the relevant material from the irrelevant.

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The fact that the defense received OLSHON's statements in the bribery case did not, in the opinion of Assistant U. S. Attorney [] totally damage the bribery case prosecution pending at Chicago because it was generally known, following an

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announcement to the press at Chicago by Chicago Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] in July, 1959, that OLSHON had "broken" the bribery case.

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The defense in cross examination of OLSHON did not use the bribery statement to any great extent but the FD-302 of OLSHON in the [redacted] case was read in full and verbatim into the record by defense attorney [redacted] and was the basis for most of the cross examination of OLSHON.

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Also on July 18, 1960, the defense demanded all of the "statements" of SA O'CONNOR, interpreted to mean all of the investigation by the latter. On January 19, 1960, Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] tendered 69 pages from Houston report in this case dated February 28, 1959, containing principally investigation by SA O'CONNOR; no informant data or confidential investigative technique was disclosed by these pages, most of which were FD-302's of witnesses previously submitted to the Assistant U. S. Attorney by letter of January 5, 1960. In addition, however, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] tendered to the court copy of COVELLI's statement (Bufile 15-38700) as reflected on pages 2-17 in Houston report of September 2, 1959. This statement had not previously been tendered to the court by the Assistant U. S. Attorney through oversight. The 69 pages previously mentioned were delivered to the defense and the court reserved opinion as to delivery of the newly received COVELLI statement. Then on the morning of January 20, 1960, the court stated it would deliver the COVELLI statement to the defense whereupon Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] vigorously objected to its delivery and was threatened with contempt of court by Judge INGRAHAM. U. S. Attorney WILLIAM B. BUTLER then informed the court that Assistant U. S. [redacted] was acting on his order and that the Government held the position of refusing to deliver the COVELLI statement to the defense and that it appeared the court was exceeding its authority in delivering the statement. Judge INGRAHAM then stated he would cite U. S. Attorney BUTLER for contempt and directed the clerk of the court to hand the COVELLI statement to the defense. U. S. Attorney BUTLER left the court at that point and was not cited by the Judge for contempt.

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In connection with the statements of OLSHON and COVELLI in Bufile 15-38700 and of OLSHON in the [redacted] case (Bufile 26-242764), Assistant U. S. Attorney COTTINGHAM recognized the fact that they pertained to cases distinct from the one at trial and he objected to their delivery to the defense primarily.

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on that ground. The protest by agent to Assistant U. S. Attorney as reflected in Houston airtel to the Bureau, January 21, 1960, was in the nature of emphasizing the undesirability of letting the statements in other investigations fall into the hands of defense, particularly since reading of Section 3500, Title 18, U. S. Code, would appear to preclude the necessity to tender them to the court. It was felt that possibly the Assistant U. S. Attorney was not sufficiently concerned; however, he stated he intended to object to their delivery to the defense but believed he should furnish all statements to the court inasmuch as the court did not specifically state that the statements to be tendered were only those pertaining to this case.

It was evident during trial that the defense was seeking more than related to the testimony of the witness on direct examination. In this regard it is noted that defense attorneys, [redacted] were extremely fluent in their arguments to the judge and made such request to the court as delivery of the OLSHON statements prior to the time OLSHON took the stand. The court did order the OLSHON statements tendered by the Government but they were not delivered to the defense at that time.

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The Government rested its case on January 21, 1960, and it would appear that no further demands for statements or portions of Bureau reports are to be made by the defense. SA [redacted] may be called as a rebuttal witness and the nature of his testimony will be reviewed with Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted]

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The trial will resume on Tuesday, January 26, 1960, the court's time on January 25, 1960, having been taken up with naturalization proceedings and submission of jury instructions to the court in this case.

1/28/60

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (26-250440)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (26-8350)
RE: MAX OLSON, aka; ET AL
ITENV; CONSPIRACY; IMPERSONATION
(OO - Houston)

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 1/26/60.

Final arguments by defense and prosecution given
1/27/60. Judge to charge jury 1/28/60.

SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR scheduled to depart Houston
for office of assignment, Miami, at 8:55 AM, 1/28/60, via
National Air Lines flight No. 808.

SA [redacted] scheduled to depart Houston
for office of assignment, Chicago, at 10:40 AM, 1/28/60, via
Grainiff Air Lines flight No. 182.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-250440)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (25-3350)
RE: MAX OLSHON, aka., ET AL
ITSMV, CONSPIRACY, IMPERSONATION
(00-Houston)

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau dated 1/13/60.

On 1/18/60, trial of Subjects [redacted] resumed before USDJ JOE INGRAHAM, Houston. Following direct examination of Government witness [redacted] defense requested results of all interviews in possession of Government and six FD-302's on [redacted] delivered by Court to defense. Government also completed direct examination of MAX OLSHON and defense requested all statements of OLSHON and, following previous instructions of Judge INGRAHAM directing that all statements of COVELLI in possession of Government be tendered, AUSA [redacted] tendered all statements and interview reports of OLSHON in this case and also copies of three signed statements of OLSHON in case entitled "GERALD COVELLI, ET AL. TFIS, OOJ, BRIBERY", 00-Chicago; Bufile 15-33700, Chicago file 15-12848. These latter statements are found on pages 2 through 5 and on pages 4 through 15 of Houston reports dated 7/2/59 and 11/10/59. Also tendered to Court were interview report of OLSHON in case entitled [redacted] aka., ET AL. ITSMV, ITSP", Houston report dated 6/25/59, 00-Chicago,

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(1 - 15-38700) (1 - 25-242764)
- 3 - Chicago (1 - 25-29043) (AM)
(1 - 15-12848) (1 - 25-23810)
- 3 - Houston (1 - 25-3350)
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Bufile 26-242764, Chicago file 26-28810. The Government objected to delivery of the three signed statements in Bufile 15-38700 and the interview report in Bufile 25-242764 on grounds they pertained to entirely different cases and did not involve [redacted] and had not been matters of direct examination. Judge INGRAHAM overruled Government and delivered all statements of [redacted] to the defense. He stated that parts thereof related to car theft operations, mentioned COVELLI and [redacted] and, in parts, mentioned money obtained in this ring operation in which [redacted] and [redacted] are charged with Conspiracy, and that grounds for error and appeal would result if statements not delivered to defense. He stated that "if the Government is going to complain about Section 3500" (Title 18) it will have to change its methods "because of the difficulty in separating" pertinent references. Judge's statement regarding Government complaining is a reference to AUSA's objections.

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Also on 1/13/60, Government requested the return of signed statements and interview reports of COVELLI which the Court delivered to the defense on 1/11/60 and which the defense has had in its possession in and out of court since that time. Judge INGRAHAM ruled the defense may keep all Government tenders on COVELLI, on defense argument they require them to compare with statements of OLSHON for cross examination purposes.

Also on 1/13/60, defense requested, and Judge INGRAHAM so ordered, that the Government tender all "statements" of SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR who testified on 1/14/60. "Statements" have been clarified to mean all investigation, and AUSA [redacted] on 1/19/60 will furnish all SF 64's and FD 302's by SA O'CONNOR although Agent testified only to examination of Cars 6 and 14 and to arrest of COVELLI and [redacted]. With respect to Agent's testimony on examination of Cars 6 and 14 the defense objected and Court sustained that such testimony was inadmissible from SF 64's because they were not original notes, and so two of stolen cars not proven. NATB Agent [redacted] testified from his notes on other six cars in indictment.

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On 1/14/60, in cross examination of SA O'CONNOR by Defense Attorney [redacted] latter referred to Bureau as "constabulary" and "Federal police". Agent, while on stand, requested Court's permission to make statement concerning [redacted] remarks and was refused. [redacted] however, volunteered that he intended no disrespect.

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For information of the Bureau and Chicago, [redacted]
[redacted] attorney for Subject [redacted] has stated defense
co-counsel. [redacted] is "somehow connected" with Chicago
Attorney [redacted] who, it is noted, is involved in
bribery case in which defense now possesses statements of
[redacted] at Houston suggests Attorney
[redacted] Chicago, is co-counsel for [redacted]
primarily to elicit information furnished by COVELLI and
OLSHON concerning activities in Chicago.

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Defense Attorney [redacted] makes strong
presentation, largely based on probing with statements
and interview reports tendered by Government. It is
obvious that he has been given wide latitude by Judge in
effort to prevent reversible error. Bureau will be kept
currently advised of developments.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (26-250440)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (26-8350)
RE: MAX OLSHON, aka; ET AL
ITSMV; CONSPIRACY; IMPERSONATION
(OO-Houston)

RE: Buairtel to Houston, 1/21/60.
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Rebuairtel requested details on ruling of USDJ, Houston, against admissibility of testimony by Agent from SF-64s.

Defense Counsel [] argued that original notes are "best evidence" to refresh memory and objected to testimony not based on best evidence. Defense further questioned validity of SF-64 inasmuch as they were dictated by SA JAMES R. POWERS whereas SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR testified, both Agents having conducted the car examinations.

AUSA [] argued that the SF-64 could be used under rule of past evidence recollection recorded because it was copy of original and original not available.

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- 3 - Chicago (1 - 26-29843) (AM)
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- 3 - Houston (1 - 26-8350)
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Attorney [] argued, in effect, that Bureau destroyed evidence and was attempting to alter fundamental laws of evidence. b6 b7C

AUSA [] prior to trial, had pointed out that original notes are highly preferable to SF-64 because it becomes necessary to establish accuracy and originality of SF-64.

Full argument not recalled by either AUSA [] or AUSA []. The defense objection to SF-64s was sustained by USDJ JOE INGRAHAM without application of particular rule of evidence, other than to apparently agree with citation of "best evidence" by Attorney []. b6 b7C

The Bureau is requested to advise Houston if transcript of court record covering this matter is desired.

The two SF-64s in question are found on pages 61 through 64 of Houston report dated 2/28/59.

On 1/21/60 the defense recalled COVELLI to the stand for cross-examination and Attorney read into the record that portion of COVELLI's signed statement, beginning with "That Monday evening " and ending with ".... to worry about.", as found on pages 12 and 13 in Horep dated 9/2/59, entitled "GERALD COVELLI, ET AL; TFIS, OOJ-BRIBERY" (Bufile 15-38700) (CG file 15-12848). [] Laid predicate for this through COVELLI's statement that he never used the term "outfit" as meaning criminal syndicate. The quoted portion exposes and makes public record of COVELLI's bribery statement and would appear to have been calculated to that end. b6 b7C

On 1/21/60 [] GERALD COVELLI, sub-poenaed by Government in this case, but probably not to be used, said she was caught by [] co-counsel for defense, in latter's hotel room on 1/20/60. She said []

[]
[] said []
[] stated []
[] COVELLI []

On 1/21/60 the Government rested its case. On 1/22/60 the defense used character witnesses and then placed [redacted] on the stand. [redacted] testimony is to the effect COVELLI asked him to assist in selling the 1958 Lincoln of COVELLI's [redacted]

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[redacted] Chrysler they had sold there in July, 1957. Court adjourned until 1/26/60 without completing [redacted] direct examination.

[redacted] testified he did not know and never saw [redacted] OO- Chicago; Bufile 26-242764, CG file 26-28810), whereas testimony by [redacted] had placed [redacted]

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In attempt to obtain impeachment witness against [redacted] [redacted] was contacted telephonically at [redacted] by SA [redacted] (assigned Chicago ;but at Houston on sub-poena) and AUSA [redacted] on 1/22/60. [redacted] said he had no recollection of being in [redacted] office except about three years ago with [redacted] on a divorce investigation. [redacted] is not being sub-poenaed.

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Further developments to be reported promptly by Houston.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (15-38700)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (15-12848)
 SUBJECT: GERALD COVEELI, ET AL.
 TFIS
 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - BRIBERY
 OO: CHICAGO

On February 1, 1960, AUSA [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that he is endeavoring to obtain permission for USJD WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, Chicago, to have special Federal Grand Jury impanelled at Chicago in the very near future for five days to hear facts in this bribe case and in this TFIS case. He contemplates an indictment in the TFIS case might be obtained naming new defendants [redacted] JOE LISCIANDRELLO and [redacted]. Concerning the bribery case [redacted] contemplates presenting all facts to the Federal Grand Jury and letting them decide who to indict. He is preparing a writ to have [redacted] and [redacted] brought by the USM to Chicago after they are sentenced USDC [redacted] on or about February 8, 1960, in case captioned, [redacted] aka, ET AL. ITSMV". Chicago file 26-29843. Bureau File 26-250440. [redacted]

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questing remission from the United States Board of Prisons
to have [redacted] incarcerated while in Chicago
at other than the Cook County Jail, Chicago, which is
Federally approved inasmuch as both [redacted]

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[redacted] advised he is also considering having
Chicago attorney [redacted] who is a subject in the
bribery case, brought before the special Grand Jury where he
will be questioned regarding the bribery.

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Likewise [redacted] related he may possibly request
permission of the Department of Justice to dismiss the Dyer
Act indictments against [redacted] in case captioned,
[redacted] aka, "ET AL. I.M.V.", Chicago file
26-28810, Bureau file 26-242764, inasmuch as [redacted] and

[redacted]
event [redacted] case" indictments are dismissed against
[redacted] it is noted [redacted] would still await
trial on the RICO and Bribery charges. Chicago as well as
trial in [redacted]
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Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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